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The Summit Battle to decide the fate of Tenchi Academy ends, with Hitsugi and Shizuku as the victors.

Now Akira and Sae are faced with a variety of decisions to make about themselves and their own futures. What answers will they give?

Meanwhile, the maidens of Tenchi Academy are astir with the news that Hitsugi intends to move the school elsewhere.

Just where is Tenchi headed next...?

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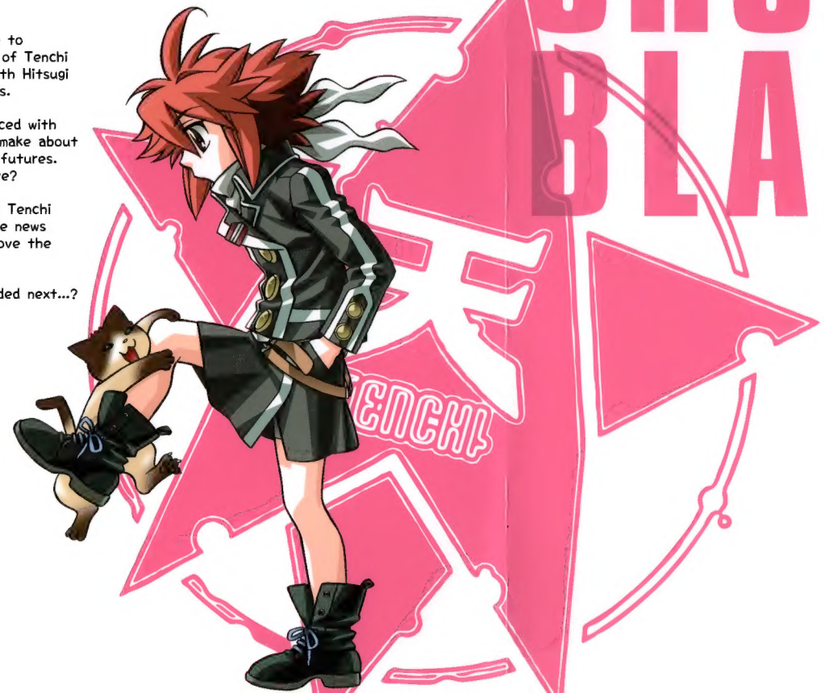

Sounding more like an ad than ever, but yes, that's correct.

I'm "Watching Buoyantly"

Volume 15.

This would be the volume whose special-edition version (simultaneously on sale) features an attached doujinshi booklet courtesy of an all-star lineup of authors.

No... it's not like the baseball cards in a pack of bubble gum.

It's a wonderful thing.

However, then you'll have kids who just buy it for the doujinshi booklet and toss the tankoubon itself into an irrigation ditch somewhere. So it's a double-edged sword.

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STORY×CHARACTERS

剣技特待生の乙女たちが、日々バカ熱い戦いを繰り広げる「天地学園」。
学園の存続を賭けた頂上決定戦に敗れるも、ひつぎから天地学園の権利書を託された玲。自らを犠牲に家族を守らんとする紗枝。二人の選択とは…!?

黒鉄ナギ

中等部2年・休学から復帰。
はやての双子の姉。

無道綾那

高等部1年・Bランク
はやての刃友。
鬼攻めのツッコミ。

黒鉄はやて

中等部2年・Bランク
全力直球勝負の主人公。
鬼受けのボケ。

天地ひつぎ

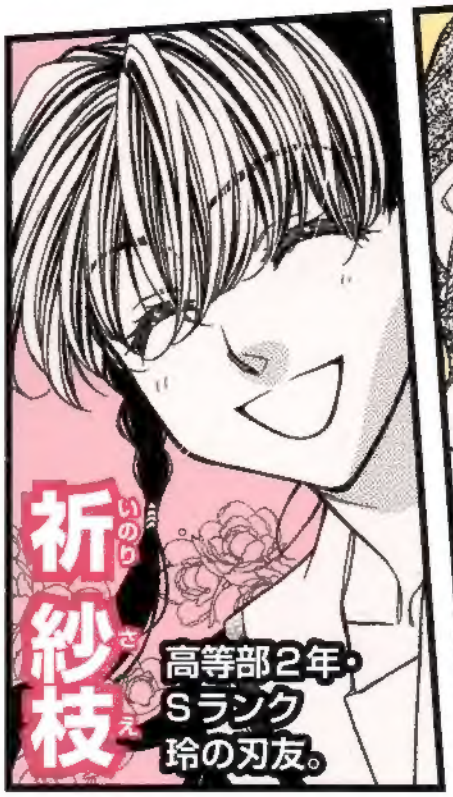
高等部3年・生徒会長
全剣待生の頂点に君臨。

宮本静久

高等部2年・
Sランク
ひつぎの刃友。

神門玲

高等部2年・Sランク
会長ペアとの
頂上戦に敗退。



祈紗枝

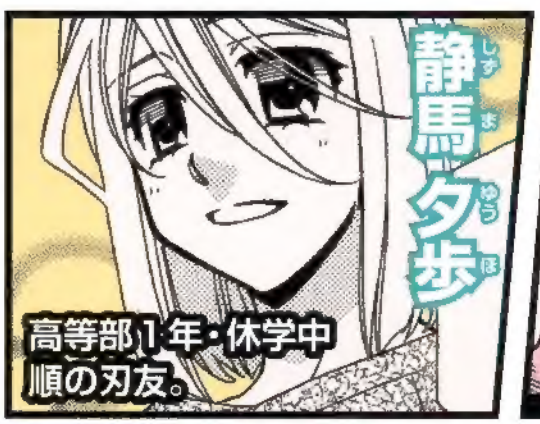
高等部2年・
Sランク
玲の刃友。

神門玲一

玲の従兄弟で、
紗枝の婚約者。

久我順

高等部1年・Bランク
綾那のルームメイト。



静馬夕歩

高等部1年・休学中
順の刃友。

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高等部2年・Sランク
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知花 叶依
上条 槙
高等部2年・Aランク
染谷 ゆかり
高等部1年・Aランク
BLADE × HAYATE
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犬神 五十鈴
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吉備 桃香
星河 紅愛
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月島 みのり
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いる
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高等部1年・Bランク
貴水 蒼
中等部3年・Bランク
中等部2年・Cランク
猿楽 未知
中等部2年・Cランク
雉宮 乙葉
HAYATE × GS
紅蜂 清子
天地学園事務局員
黒鉄 流麗
はやてとナギの保護者。天地学園・食堂のおばちゃん。
剣待生初の卒業生。就活中。
柳生 真
高等部3年・Aランク
氷室 瞑子
朱 炎雪
高等部3年・Aランク
帯刀 洸
天地ひつぎの側近
宝田 りおな
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THE HELL...

WHAT...

AND QUIT BEAMING LIKE THAT!!!

Ahhhh, I'm cooked

really, really not beaming over here

...No, I'm

Nuff

pant

pant

WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN, "ANYPLACE IS TENCHI"!!

YOU MORONS!

'Su—

—P?

TO MY HOUSE! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!!!

HOW FAR ARE YOU RUNNING, MASTER?

NAH, JUST 'TIL THE FRONT GATE.

AND JUST HOW FAR ARE YOU PEOPLE PLANNING ON FOLLOWING ME? ALL THE WAY OFF THE SCHOOL!?

WHADDYA THINK? AIN'T SHE NICE? I'M LOOKING AFTER HER FOR SOMEBODY.

YOU KIDS SURE ARE LOOKIN' LIVELY.

DAD!!

OH...

#83

I, Moron

PLEASE LET ME RIDE ON THAT AWESOME-LOOKING THING!!!

YOU BET I WANNA RIDE!!

.....
.....

YEAH!!

YOUNG LAD!

AT THE MOMENT I'M STILL BREAKING HER IN.

YOU WANNA RIDE?

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

AH HA HA HA... YOU GOT IT!

RGH...

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR THIS!!

FLING

Hold up!!

WAIT, MASTER!

OH...!

FLY!!!

FLY, MASTER!

.....

.....

.....

SNATCH

ULTRA

Stay tuned!

MY GOOD LUCK AM/FM MASK!!

Is there supposed to be some kinda meaning to this!?!?

Wheeze

HA HA HA HA... DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU!

THERE'S NEVER ANY MEANING TO ANY OF IT.

#83

I, Moron

...

WHEW...

...

THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANYONE AROUND ME WHO WOULD DO THAT FOR ME.

I'M A BIT JEALOUS.

GOING THAT FAR FOR SOMEBODY ELSE...

THOSE FRIENDS OF YOURS.

I JUST FOUND THEM INTERESTING,

NO...

HA...

HA...

WHAT IS IT?

WA HA HA HA HA!

AHHH, SHADDAP! YOU BASICALLY KNOW ALREADY, RIGHT!? DON'T ASK!!

MAYBE IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME, BUT...

WELL, I GUESS I DO.

HUH?

THE ONE WITH A BONE IN HIS MOUTH...

LIKE THAT ONE DOG.

YOU'RE A BIT LIKE *THAT*, Y'KNOW?

AND THEN HE SEES HIS REFLECTION IN A LAKE, AND HE WANTS TO GET THAT BONE TOO.

SO HE OPENS HIS MOUTH TO BARK AT IT, AND DROPS THE BONE IN THE WATER.

SO?

WHERE AM I TAKING YOU?

...FOR NOW, MY OLD MAN'S PLACE.

THE GPS CAN GET YOU THERE, RIGHT?

YEAH, SURE THING.

BUT TELL ME... JUST WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WHEN YOU GET THERE?

LET IT GO TO BARK JUST ONCE,

AND YOU CAN NEVER GET IT BACK AGAIN.

MAYBE YOU'VE NEVER NOTICED THE ONE YOU'VE GOT IN YOUR MOUTH NOW, BUT,

THAT BONE...

.....

.....

.....

Pisses me off

AND WHAT THE HELL'S THE DEAL WITH THIS CONVENIENCE-STORE BAG ANYWAY?

SHADDUP.

Yeah

I DUNNO.

APPARENTLY SOME SORTA SUPERHERO SHE INVENTED.

...

COMICAL, BOISTEROUS, UNREFINED.

FRIENDS TO MAKE YOU LAUGH.

SAE-SAN.

THANK GOD WE GOT YOU OUT OF THERE BEFORE IT RUBBED OFF ON YOU,

A WOMAN OF YOUR TYPE *SHOULD* BE REFINED.

I SIMPLY MEAN THERE'S A PROPER PLACE FOR EVERYONE.

AND BY WHAT YOU "REFINED"... REALLY MEAN IS "ONE OF THE CHOSEN FEW," RIGHT?

THE PLACE FOR YOU AND ME, AND AKIRA'S PLACE, ARE NOT THE SAME.

AND, I REGRET TO INFORM YOU, BUT—

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT IF AKIRA BRINGS HIM THE DEED TO THAT SCHOOL,

MY UNCLE WILL CHANGE HIS MIND JUST LIKE THAT?

SNAP

THAT AMACHI DAUGHTER'S CAPRICE...

WAS REALLY QUITE CONVENIENT FOR MY UNCLE.

.....

.....

.....

AKIRA SEEMS TO HAVE MIS-UNDERSTOOD SOMETHING.

AND YOU SEEM TO BE LABORING UNDER THE SAME MIS-CONCEPTION YOURSELF.

Anteroom

MY LEG WASN'T THE REASON THE BATTLE WAS SO DIFFICULT.

AND GOING OUT THERE WITH UNFAMILIAR EQUIPMENT WOULD PRESENT PROBLEMS OF ITS OWN, NO?

I GUESS WE REALLY SHOULD HAVE SWITCHED IT OUT FOR THE NEW ONE BEFORE THE FIGHT, HUH?

zip

MIKADO AKIRA WOULD HAVE DRIVEN ME TO THE EDGE.

NO MATTER WHAT STATE I MAY HAVE BEEN IN,

Sigh...

I SEE. BELIEVE IN HER...

WHAT?

SHE MUST THINK: "I WANT TO CROSS BLADES LIKE THAT AGAIN."

SHE MUST FEEL THE SAME WAY.

SO I'LL BELIEVE IN HER, AND WAIT.

I AM HAPPY.

YOU SEEM AWFULLY HAPPY ABOUT THAT.

KLICK

WT

I JUST HANDED IT OVER BECAUSE I FIGURED IT DIDN'T MUCH MATTER EITHER WAY.

OH NO,

nothing like that.

BECAUSE YOU HAD FAITH SHE WOULDN'T TURN IT OVER TO THE MIKADOS.

YOU WERE WILLING TO ENTRUST THE SCHOOL TO HER...

IT WAS JUST ONE OF *THOSE* AGAIN!?

Eh...

Quite the dreamer, aren't you, Shizuku!

Ah ha ha

...AS LONG AS IT'S SOMEONE I BELIEVE IN, THAT IS.

Ehmm

THE PEOPLE YOU BELIEVE IN...

WHICH WOULD BE...

TO ANYONE, IF SO PETITIONED.

I'M HAPPY TO HAND THIS PLACE OVER ANY TIME,

THE UNDERGROUND CONDUITS HAVE ALL BEEN COMPLETED, SO WE'VE SECURED THE SAFE PASSAGE OF WATER.

THERE'S NO LONGER ANY CONCERN ABOUT THE EFFECT ON THE SURROUNDING LAND.

THANK GOOD-NESS!

EYAH HHH...

...EVERY SINGLE STUDENT IN TENCHI ACADEMY, CORRECT?

I THINK YOU HAVE TOO WIDE A SCOPE...

Hwah...

What's happened to you, my friends!?

Hee-hahhh

I'M FEELING PRETTY RELIEVED TOO.

WHAT A RELIEF, WHAT A RELIEF!

SO THE SCHOOL DOESN'T HAFTA DISAPPEAR OR ANYTHING NOW...?

THAT I WAS FINALLY FREED FROM THAT PIGGYBACK RIDE.

I WAS WORRIED I'D BE OUT ON THE STREETS RIGHT AFTER COMIN' HERE...

Though I'm not really sure how I got back up there after being in the car

Ahh, Boss

Why do you have to go at everything like a freaking maniac!?

Hauuu

Put up quite a fight

Somehow we just get swept up in it

Hhee-haah

What were you fighting against, Senpai?

Heeee

YOU'RE BEING PRETTY RUDE IN A VERY CASUAL WAY RIGHT NOW.

TO THINK YOU REALLY WERE A SECOND-YEAR...

THERE ARE LOTSA SURPRISES HERE ON THE MAIN ISLANDS...

SINK

Weghh

AHH,

I REALLY DO HAFTA APOLOGIZE FOR BEIN RUDE LIKE THAT...

Haaa...

WELL ANYHOW, I'M SAVED.

WHEREVER IT GOES, TENCHI'LL STILL BE AROUND...

'LONG AS I HAVE SOME WAY TO MAKE SOME MONEY, I'LL BE SET.

WELLLL, 'BYE THEN!

NEXT TIME WE MEET, IT MIGHT BE AS ENEMIES...!

RIGHT...

Though before that, I'll have to get myself a shinyuu.

はわあ

YOU TOO, HUH...

BEFORE THAT, WAA NEED TO FIND A SHINYUU...!!

WAIT, NOOO...

NhM!?

Eh

OHHH, WAA?

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

WHAT DO THEY CALL YOU?

YES?

HEY...

Oh that means "I"—?

"waa"?

Not that I really care

...

Nichaa-bira!

YOU'VE GOT THE SAME NAME...!

AS MY SWORD TEACHER,

KUROGANE-SENSEI!

CHIHANA KANAI.

IT'S CHIHANA.

AND YOU, SENPAI?

UGH...

IT'S KUROGANE NAGI.

Shoot...

It turned into a self-introduction thing.

OOHH!!

"Kurogane"...

YEAH...

.....

.....

.....

Leaving all that aside, I really need to focus on what comes next.

No way, right?

Nah.

HERE YOU ARE.

WITH THIS, I HOPE YOU WILL FIND IT IN YOURSELF TO NAME ME YOUR SUCCESSOR IN THE MIKADO HOUSE.

FATHER. THIS IS THE THING YOU'VE BEEN SEEKING, TENCHI ACADEMY.

.....
.....
.....

JUST WHEN I ASK MYSELF...

WHAT YOU'RE DOING BACK HERE, WITH YOUR UNIFORM FILTHY AND YOUR FACE ALL SWOLLEN...

...

Just one word.

Just one word will be enough.

FA...

.....
.....
.....

THEN, FIRST THINGS FIRST,

YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO YOUR STUDIES.

VERY WELL.

OR, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THAT, WE CAN HAVE YOU TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER PRIVATE SCHOOL.

AFTER THAT...

THERE ARE APPEAR-ANCES TO KEEP UP.

STAY THERE AT TENCHI UNTIL YOUR GRADUATION.

MEANWHILE, MY OWN POSITION IS IN NO DANGER.

THE MIKADO COMPANY CONDUCTS ALL ITS BUSINESS IN-FAMILY.

THE ONE TO EVENTUALLY TAKE IT OVER WILL BE ME.

AKIRA, AS A PERSON, IS NOT WITHOUT SOME CHARACTER, SO,

I'M SURE THERE'D BE NO PROBLEM WITH HANDING OVER THE FAMILY NAME TO HER HUSBAND, BUT...

THERE'S VERY LITTLE CHANCE OF SHE HERSELF EVER BEING RECOGNIZED.

You only had to say one, single word.

YET ALL THE SAME... WE'RE MAKING CONCESSIONS OF OUR OWN, AREN'T WE?

FOR AKIRA'S SAKE, WE'RE BRINGING PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE THE FAMILY INTO THE ORGANIZATION.

THAT'S ENOUGH OF A RETURN, ISN'T IT?

SHE COULDN'T GET HER OWN FATHER TO RECOGNIZE HER.

SHE COULDN'T SAVE HER FRIEND FROM BEING FORCED INTO AN UNWANTED MARRIAGE.

I GUESS THAT'S JUST WHAT THEY CALL LIVING IN DIFFERENT SPHERES.

WELL...

ANYWAY, JUST WAIT.

JUST WAIT. YOU'LL SEE.

YOU TOO, SAE.

SINCE I'M A MAN WHO'S DEVOTED TO FAMILY LIFE, I CAN'T HAVE YOU GOING TOO FAR FROM ME.

FOR AKIRA, AS A DAUGHTER OF THE MIKADO HOUSE, THIS IS AS MUCH OF A SHARE AS SHE GETS.

YOU MAY NOT HAVE GOTTEN THE RESULT YOU WERE WISHING FOR, BUT...

Whatever's gonna happen is gonna happen, right?

I PITY YOU, A LITTLE.

BUT, IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU THAT PEOPLE LIKE US EXIST.

THOSE WHO "HAVE"

CAN GIVE HAPPINESS TO THOSE WHO "HAVE NOT."

Ahhhh, man.

SLOP

clench

I UNDER-STAND.

YES, YOU'RE RIGHT!

IT'S JUST AS YOU SAY.

!

BUT...

That's enough.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.

I'LL RETURN TO THE ACADEMY. THEN,

...

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HOW SHOULD I KNOW.

IF THEY FEEL LIKE COMING BACK, THEY WILL.

MASTER AND INORIN.

I WONDER... ARE THEY GONNA COME BACK?

Whaddya think, Boss?

sigh...

Ahhh I feel much better

Are you lot planning on sleeping here?

hWAA...

I WOULDN'T MIND FACING OFF AGAINST THEM SOMEDAY, JUST ONCE.

keee-yar

—WELL, BUT...

IF THEY DO COME BACK...

No, hold on Michi I don't think we're quite ready to take on the Whiteshirts

Yep, here here! Right here! I wanna try it too!

Ahh, yep, yep! I know what you mean! Against Oneetama

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Trivia

Cover
"Watching Bouyantly" (*Uki-Uki Watching*) was the opening theme song of the variety show *Waratte Iitomo*.

Baseball cards: Originally a reference to Bikkuriman Stickers.
These popular collectibles came in packages of a chocolate wafer candy, which was often discarded uneaten immediately after being bought.

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Chihana Kanai: Kanai is from Okinawa. She speaks accented Japanese (ending most of her sentences with the particles *sa* or *saa*), occasionally mixing in phrases from the Okinawan language.
Here, **Njincha-bira** means "so long."

Page 22
You too, Sae: Note he drops the honorific "-san" here, for the first time.

Hayate X Blade ch83

I, Moron

Hayashiya Shizuru

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ruff ruff

ASH!

AHH MAN, IT'S BEEN A WHILE!

ruff!

#84

Idiot After Idiot

sniff sniff sniff

I'LL COME BACK LATER TO PICK YOU UP.

SORRY I CAN'T STAY NOW.

YOU'RE BACK QUICK.

OH,

CAN I TROUBLE YOU TO MAKE ONE MORE TRIP?

SORRY, BUT...

#84

Idiot After Idiot

WELL LOOK WHO'S BEING ALL POLITE.

Very good!

OH HO...

I DON'T KNOW... BUT SHE SHOULD STILL BE IN THE CAR...

Ooohoo

AND SO WHERE WOULD SAE-CHAN BE RIGHT NOW?

Right.

First things first; gotta stop her!

TO SAE!

SO, WHERE AM I HEADED?

RIGHT. RIGHT...

ON THE NATIONAL ROAD?

HEADED FOR HANEDA AIR-PORT?

IF WE DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS, THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN FOLLOW HER.

flip

GOOD GRIEF... YOU REALLY ARE STILL A KID.

♪BE-BEBEBE-BEB♫

BEEP

They haven't hit the freeway yet?

YEAH, THAT SHOULD BE RIGHT NEAR US THEN.

THANKS A TON, BENI-CHAN.

SURE, THERE'S ONE IN EVERY STUDENT'S UNIFORM.

GPS TRACKER?

They've got 'em in the swords too

YEAH, IT SHOULD BE NO TROUBLE TO FIND HER.

YUP?

AHH, NAGARE-CHAN?

DON'T YOU WANNA BE A GREAT ADULT LIKE THIS?

RIGHT?

snap

IT IS TENCHI'S UNIFORM WE'RE TALKING ABOUT...

I SEE...

snap

HUH?

SO?

HOW'D THINGS GO WITH YOUR DAD, LITTLE LADDIE?

MENH... DUNNO.

I FORGET!!

ANYWAY, DOUBT I'LL BE SEEING HIM AGAIN... TILL HE'S ON HIS DEATHBED!

OHH, A CHEEKY ONE!

BREAKING AWAY FROM YOUR FATHER, ARE YOU?

Waa ha ha haa

!

Not really.

I was never there to begin with.

...?

HMPH...

BUT I'M ALL DONE WITH LOOKING UP TO HIM.

TRYING TO DANGLE IT OVER MY HEAD THAT HE MIGHT HAND IT OVER TO ME ONE DAY...

.....

.....

.....

MAKE SURE OF WHAT'S INSIDE FIRST, STUPID OLD DAD!!!

HA HA HA HA HA HA!

PBH...

BWA HA...

OY... HEY... I DROVE YOU ALL THE WAY OUT HERE JUST TO PLAY TRICKS ON PEOPLE!?

Uogh...

You ARE still a brat!

IT'S AKIRA.

OH?

whoa, be careful

SCREECH

Ehhhh?

YOU LOST?

AH, YOUR UNIFORM'S ALL BLACK.

Come on, now...

.....
.....
.....

SA...

...

WELL...

WHAT HAP-PENED WITH HIM!?

NOT THAT, *RYOUICHI!*

Hm?

WELL, I MEAN... I'M GOING BACK TO TENCHI.

ON FOOT.

Since I don't even have enough for bus fare

FORGET THAT,

WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE...!?

slam

BUT FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME, IT'S JUST TOO HEAVY A WEIGHT TO BEAR.

YOU'RE ONE OF THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, RYOUICHI-SAN.

GO ON WITHOUT ME.

PLEASE, BE MY GUEST.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GET BACK IN THE CAR!

SAE-SAN!

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU, WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO—

go home and sleep with your mommy, you little **Manneken-Pis Mother-fucker.**

IN SHORT,

...IF YOU WOULD.

AFTERWARDS I'LL NEED TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING PROPERLY TO MY PARENTS...

It's a depressing prospect

SINCE TONAMI-SAN WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF TEACHING IT TO ME, I FELT LIKE I HAD TO USE IT.

YOU REALIZE YOU SAID SOME-THING PRETTY INCREDIBLE THERE...

.....
.....
.....

Y...

What happened?

WHAT ABOUT YOU, AKIRA?

SO...

Behaving like that towards such an innocent young lady

How do I explain this to Mother...

IF YOU REALLY DON'T UNDER-STAND, YOUNG MASTER, YOU'RE A FOOL.

Why, Sae-san...? Why?

ブロォォ

...

NO NO,
NOT HAPPENING.
THREE PEOPLE
CAN'T RIDE ON
THIS THING.

LET'S GO
HOME.

TO-
GETHER.

START
EVERYTHING
OVER
FROM THE
BEGINNING.

WE'LL
HAVE TO

ME,
HUH...?

WELL,
AS FOR ME...
I...

MIGHT'VE
LOST.

I CAN TELL
THAT BY
LOOKING.

WE CAN THINK ABOUT ALL THE TROUBLESOME THINGS AFTER THAT.

AND GET SOME REST.

YES... LET'S GO HOME.

FOR NOW...

I'M JUST DARN TIRED!

YOU SAID IT!

I'll lend you some change. Just take the bus back.

And you need to have a talk with the President, don't you?

I'M TELLING YOU, DON'T START WALKING OVER HERE. YOU SERIOUSLY CAN'T FIT ON THIS THING.

IT'S FINE. I GAVE AS GOOD AS I GOT!!

Oogh...

WHAT WAY DID YOU LOSE?

EVEN SO... WHAT A MESS YOU'VE MADE OF THAT GIRLISH FACE!

Let's go home.

...

Hy my my my

IN THE WORLD...

.....
.....
.....

JUST WHAT...

AND SO...

I CAN'T GET INTO MY ROOM LIKE THIS, Y'KNOW...

ARE THESE PEOPLE DOING...?

Nrrgh Nrrgh

ZZz

ZZz

ZZz

Ahhh And the A Team's even got my room covered

THESE ARE PRETTY MUCH ALL FRIENDS OF THE MIDGET WEIRDO, RIGHT? GIVE ME A LITTLE BREAK HERE...

WERE THEY WAITING HERE FOR US...?

I'll be hearing about that the rest of my life

Oogh..

ALTHOUGH, I DIDN'T LOSE.

ORDEAL NUMBER ONE FOR THE LOSERS...

I ain't snuggling though

CAN'T EVEN CHANGE CLOTHES, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SLEEP LIKE THIS IN THE HALLWAY...

Sigh..

Good morning to you, my students of Tenchi.

While we got a bit ahead of ourselves with the Summit Battle,

this is the first whole-school assembly of the new term.

The start of a sparkling new day.

I realize it's sudden, but I have an announcement to make.

But,

I'll have to cut my greeting short.

that move thing anymore.

We're not making

DON'T TALK ABOUT IT LIKE A MENU ITEM.

It is the President

Ahhh...

Yep

Hm hmm

Well

as the *LOSER*, Mikado Akira, choose to decline it, but, there is no need to delve into the specifics here.

THIS TIME WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO JUST ENDURE IT.

SHE DOESN'T NEED TO KEEP REPEATING THE SAME THING...

SHE JUST WANTS TO CALL US LOSERS, RIGHT...?

This is due to the penalty game assigned to the *LOSERS* not being carried out,

What's her deal

Either way,

the fact that she remains upon my back will not change.

If she can just be permitted to be as she really is,

that is the most desirable possible outcome.

...

Hrm?

SO BASICALLY... TENCHI AND MASTER AND INORIN WILL ALL GO RIGHT BACK TO HOW THEY WERE?

Mm?

Yeah,

'BOUT THE SIZE OF IT, I GUESS.

Happily ever after, right?

Ahhh...

GUESS THERE WAS NO WAY THIS WAS ENDING SO EASY...

To atone for it, the Mikado/Inori pair will be made to undergo double the punishment.

Be that as it may, abandoning one's penalty game is an offense without precedent.

WAKU

SHE'S LOOKING *AWFULLY* HAPPY ABOUT IT...

WAKU

and introduce a few "minor changes" to Tenchi Academy.

I do view this as an opportunity to make a fresh start of sorts.

AHOOOO!! BRASSIERE!

Doofus! How many times do I hafta tell you, it's BRAVO

D-

Ah ha ha ha ha

Quiet down a bit, Kurogane-san.

While the matter of possibly moving to new facilities has been resolved,

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.....

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HUH? WHAT'S SHE MEAN?

MURMUR

MURMUR

So THAT, she DIDN't give up on..?

Ahh..

WHAT'S GONNA CHANGE?

There will be some modifications to its design and specs.

AHH...

OUR UNI-FORMS?

The main subject being the uniform.

WHAT A HUGE PROBLEM!!!

I'LL HAVE TO RETAKE MEASUREMENT DATA FOR EVERY SINGLE STUDENT IN THE SCHOOL...

YOU BET IT'S A PROBLEM!

SURE SEEM HAPPY ABOUT IT, THOUGH.

ALSO, YOU'RE CREEPY.

おあああ

What the hell kind of expression is that?

modification...!?

A uniform...

WHAT?

stagger

IS THAT A PROBLEM FOR YOU SOMEHOW?

It will accompany some alterations to the rules of the Hoshitori.

As for the modifications to its "specs", this applies mainly to sword-bearing students.

There will be a briefing at a later date to lay these out more thoroughly.

runs the idea I just thought of now.

So

And we can have our *LOSERS*, the Mikado/Inori pair, take charge of administering the entire event!

Before that will be our new-student welcome party, also to serve as an unveiling,

to be held next weekend...

MM?

penalty game the first

HOWZAT!!

Don't just think of stuff !!!

PUT UP WITH IT, AKIRA...

Are You a total MORON!?

JUST ASK ME THAT SORT OF THING *AFTER-WARDS!!!*

And, as usual, Hoshikawa-san,

I'd appreciate your help as well.

Ah ha ha ha ha

...

let us tread forward anew on this shining path,

here, at our Tenchi.

So then, everyone. Once again,

DID THAT LINE I GAVE YOU DO THE TRICK?

REALLY THOUGH... YOU DIDN'T TAKE LONG IN COMING BACK.

THANKS.

IT'S ALL CLEANED UP BACK THERE.

YO.

WE'RE ALMOST FINISHED OVER HERE, TOO.

That idiot went off somewhere

THOUGH I POSTPONED DEALING WITH THE AFTERMATH, SO IT MAKES MY HEAD HURT A LITTLE TO THINK ABOUT IT.

YEP, THANKS A LOT FOR THAT.

What?!

You seriously said it!?

AH HA HA... THANK YOU.

WELL IN ANY CASE, I'M GLAD I DIDN'T HAVE TO LOSE ONE OF MY REAL WORTHY OPPONENTS HERE.

SEEMS LIKE A REAL PAIN, BEING AN OJOU.

WOW, SO...

YOU'RE GONNA TAKE FULL RESPONSI-BILITY FOR IT?

BECAUSE... I MEAN, WE'RE RANK D NOW.

EH?

SO, NATURALLY WE'RE NOT IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ANYMORE...

YOUR LAST?

HUH?

WHY'S THAT?

WELL, THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT A PENALTY GAME.

AND SINCE THIS'LL BE OUR LAST JOB FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL, WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE SURE TO DO IT RIGHT.

GOOD LUCK WITH ALL THAT. I FEEL FOR YOU.

BUT, SO, WHAT... IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH, NOW YOU GOTTA RUN THE NEXT ASSEMBLY TOO?

All right, got it all locked up back here!

What is it? Something happen?

HUH?

HAVEN'T HEARD?

OHHH,

WHAT, YOU TWO

.....
.....
.....

LEAVING ALL THAT ASIDE, WHAT'S WITH THE ACROBATIC ARRANGEMENT HERE?

LIKE BACK DURING THE BIG PARTY FOR BOSS, YOU MEAN!

OOOHH ...

IT'S ONE OF THE 47 ULTIMATE DEFENSIVE COMBINATION TECHNIQUES.

THE "REVERSE KOALA"!

JUST 'CAUSE THEY'RE CHANGING THE UNIFORMS, WHY ARE THEY CHANGING THE HOSHITORI TOO?

AYANA, hey, hey!

LIKE, THEY'RE CHANGING THE PLACES YOU CAN LAND A VALID BLOW.

I'D GUESS MAYBE THE SENSORS IN THE NEW UNIFORMS HAVE SOME EFFECT ON THE JUDGEMENT OF STRIKES?

JUST ONE MORE WIN,

AND WE'RE A-RANK.

WE CAN'T LET A LITTLE CHANGE TO THE RULES SLOW US DOWN, GOT IT?

...

WE'D LOOK MIGHTY FOOLISH SETTING OURSELVES BACK AT THIS STAGE IN THE GAME BY LETTING OUR STAR GET STOLEN.

no!!!

"NO MORE WAR"!! REMEMBER LOVE"!!

THE LEGEND OF THE GIRL WHO WAS DRIVEN INTO THE EARTH LIKE A FENCEPOST...

LET'S START THE LEGEND, RIGHT HERE...

Always saying the most nonsensical shit

Soul

Power

Love

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PAY BACK THE LAST OF TANPOPO GARDEN'S DEBT.

WITH THE REWARD MONEY FOR ADVANCING A RANK,

AND THEN, AFTER THAT IS...

Y-

Y-

YUKARI AND MAKI-SAN!!

YEAh!!

A... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KURO...?

OHH...

Oughh...

I really am sorry about that

CAN WE JUST ABOUT PUT AN END TO THIS LITTLE PATTERN?

...

OWHAAAAGH!!

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OWHA AAAA!

THAT'S GREAT TO HEAR. NOT FAR OFF, HUH?

IS THAT RIGHT?

Oh,

ゴーン

...

NO DOUBT.

JUST DRIVE IT STRAIGHT INTO "EARTH"'S STAR.

I'LL ALWAYS

...

HOWEVER THEY MAY CHANGE THE HOSHITORI RULES,

I THINK I'LL HAVE NABBED THE EARTH STAR FOR MYSELF.

THOUGH BEFORE YOU GET A CHANCE,

I'M GONNA TAKE THAT DAMN STAR, Y'HEAR ME!?!?!?

...I'M...

MY SWORD'S TRAJECTORY ISN'T ALTERED IN THE SLIGHTEST.

OVER THERE, AYANA! YUKARI'S OVER THERE!

scuttle

scuttle

Arts

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN, YUKARI?

...HM?

?

YUKARI!

THESE ARE THE HANDOUTS FOR THE NEW ART CLUB ENTRANTS' INFORMATIONAL MEETING...

CAN I ENTRUST THE HIGH SCHOOL FIRST YEARS' TO YOU?

SENPAI.

yes, of course

trot trot trot

YOU'RE MAKING THE FACE YOU MAKE WHEN THE BELL RINGS.

...

NO, IT HASN'T RUNG.

THE hOSHITORI BELL RANG!!?

We'd better hurry up and

Wh-

IT DID.

THE BELL DID RING.

IT DID!!?

I DIDN't hear it at all.

Which is it!!!?

Hawa wah

Ou-

Ouuuuahhhhh...?

Face your opponent squarely and howl, Ayana!!

BUT...

Give a howl!

Not that wayyy!!....

IT'S BEGUN.

I'm understanding you less and less, YUKARI!!

o Standing Dead Ahead: Masuda o

AGHHHHHH!!

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Runway Idiots

ARE

"TEMPO-RARY SPECIAL OFFICERS"?

Mra—ow

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you for *real*...

IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS A PERMANENT THING.

HOLD IT TOGETHER, AKIRA.

we have to keep up the same pain-in-the-ass work .?

While we're trying to work our way through the Hoshitori from Rank D,

AND ALL THE ONES AT THE TOP DECLINED TO MOVE UP TO S.

BASICALLY THE SPECIAL-A RANK'S MEANT TO BE LIKE A RESERVE FOR THE S RANK, BUT THERE AREN'T TOO MANY PEOPLE IN IT RIGHT NOW.

We've been put on hold too, in more ways than one

WELL, WASN'T REALLY MUCH ELSE CHOICE.

So, in other words.

THAT'S HOW IT IS.

exact!

WITH THE PRESENT SYSTEM, IF THERE ARE VACANCIES IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL, WE WIND UP STAYING BEHIND.

Just how gutless are those Special-A bastards?

WELL, WHATEVER. WE CAN HEAR ALL THE LITTLE DETAILS LATER.

...

FIRST THINGS FIRST, THERE'S OUR IDIOT COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S UNVEILING EVENT TO TAKE CARE OF.

THEY WANT TO HOLD OFF ON MOVING UP TILL THEY HONE THEIR SKILLS SOME MORE.

APPARENTLY THEY WERE ALL SO MOVED BY YOUR LITTLE FIGHT,

IT'S NOT JUST THAT THEY'RE SCARED, FROM WHAT I HEAR.

HOLD UP.

JUST WHEN EXACTLY DID MY FACE GET "CAVED IN"?

IT'D BE STRANGER IF THEY *WEREN'T* IMPRESSED BY THAT.

WITH A THRILLING FIGHT LIKE THAT, AND AKIRA'S FACE GETTING CAVED IN AND EVERYTHING...

TRUE ENOUGH.

You didn't even see it

Ehh!?

Hoo...

DUMPING IT ON ME WHOLE-SALE!!?

HOW WILL YOU BE HANDLING IT, HOSHIKAWA CLAIRE?

SO THEN.

We'll be counting on you, Claire

Also There

stuff

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hROO MPh!

FRUMPh!

hUh ROOM!

IF WE'RE NOT TOGETHER WHEN IT HAPPENS, OUR JOURNEY MAY NEVER EVEN BEGIN!!

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE IT RANG!! WHO KNOWS WHEN THE NEXT ONE'LL COME!?!?

But, Ayana!!

THE BELL!! BUT!!

ARE YOU TRYING TO DRIVE THE HUMIDITY INDEX TO AN ALL-TIME HIGH OVER THERE?

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.....

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UAGHH!! STAY AWAY! YOUR NOSE FUMES ARE ALL FREAKING H-

ALL FREAKING *HOT!!!*

Burning Breath

Hah
Hee
Hah

Ah...

That's right. I'm 2nd year now. I'm very sorry.

CALM DOWN, MIDDLE SCHOOL 2ND YEAR...

Ahhh, the poor thing

Geez, AGAIN?

You're spoiling the meal

AND I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU, *QUIT* COMING INTO MY HOMEROOM.

BECAUSE WE GOT A NOTICE *TELLING* US SO, YOU STUPID ASS!!!

HAVE YOUR GLASSES BECOME AN ALL-SEEING THIRD EYE!!?

CLAIR-VOY-ANCE!?

HOW CAN YOU KNOW THAT, AMURO!?!?

why am I Amuro!?

BUT THERE'S NO WAY THE BELL'LL RING BEFORE NEXT WEEKEND, RIGHT?

IT'S FINE THAT THE SUMMIT BATTLE GOT YOU ALL RILED UP AND EVERYTHING,

Sigh...

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T READ IT!

WE GOT 'EM RIGHT AFTER THE ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY, REMEMBER!?

WHAT THE HECK IS THIS...!!?

Chapter 3

!?

FIRE OFF AN ARROW AND BURST THAT SUCKER.

What do I do with this ball of unfulfilled desire? This mass that's swollen to the size of the sky?

But... How to say it...

Hayate-chan, that's dangerous

You'll fall, Hayate-chan!

IT'S AN OBVIOUS MEASURE.

THERE'LL BE A HALT TO THE HOSHITORI TILL THE NEW RULES TAKE EFFECT, SO NEW STUDENTS DON'T GET CONFUSED.

gnnnnn

Her roommate, also,

yesterday all the SWORD bearers received these

A- As I said,

what the heck is this...!!?

did not read it.

AND WHAT OF IT?

ALL THIS GETTING DEPRESSED...

ALL THIS TALK ABOUT WITHERING AWAY...

NOTHING'S CHANGED.

YOU JUST TAKE IT, NO MATTER WHAT, RIGHT?

THAT BROUGHT YOU BACK, RIGHT?

That's it, that's it

JUST THINK OF IT AS A LITTLE PREPARATORY PHASE.

mutter

mutter

I ALREADY *MADE* ALL MY PREPARATIONS THOUGH.

MAKE ME WAIT TOO LONG AND I'LL WITHER AWAY.

Makin' me wait and wait and wait

My fighting spirit'll dry up

hhh hhhh hh!!!

trumble

trumble

trumble

Oh hh

I told you, that's dangerous, Hayate-chan.!

Mrrngh...

AND WHEN WE'RE JUST ONE STEP AWAY...

IT'S SO VEXINGGG...

HANG

IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE THE ONLY ONES BEING DELAYED HERE.

GET VEXED ALL YOU LIKE. THERE'S JUST NO WAY AROUND IT.

WHEN THERE'S A STAR IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES,

Ohh...

AYE AYE, SIR!!

Grr

Grr

Grr

So I'm the one who needs to go pick it up.

I'm the one who left something behind.

I FEEL YOU, HAYATE-CHAN!

JUST THINKING OF THE LENGTH OF THOSE AS-YET-UNSEEN SKIRTS...

Always got a tape measure ready, y'know?

So I can take measurements any time

THOSE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, BURNING WITH THE LUSTS OF THE FLESH...

No need to be embarrassed!

AS HER SENPAI, AS HER SHINYUU,

YOU'D BETTER HELP HER DEAL WITH IT, AYANA!!

PAT

I'm the one...

THE ANTICIPATION OF NEW UNIFORMS IS A BIT MUCH FOR A MIDDLE-SCHOOL JUNIOR'S YOUNG SOUL TO HANDLE...

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.....

We have liftoff!

DON'T COME INTERRUPTING PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS WITH YOUR FUCKED-UP DELUSIONS!!!

She's certainly never lacked for endurance

BY THE LOOKS OF IT, SHE'S JUST BLINDLY SPRINTING AROUND FOR SOME REASON.

IT SURE WAS.

THAT ENERGETIC VOICE WOULD BE...

Is something going on?

KURO-GANE-SAN?

Ho-ho-ho-ho-hoooo!!!

STARTING TO GET A LITTLE FRUS-TRATED...

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.....

I WAS TALKING ABOUT MYSELF.

HUH?

Ahh,

NO, I DIDN'T MEAN YOU.

Hm?

WHY, DID I SOUND FRUSTRATED? I MEAN, IT'S RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER AT THIS POINT,

ANOTHER WEEK OR TWO ISN'T...

MY HAND STARTS SHAKING ON ITS OWN ACCORD.

IT'S THE ODDEST THING, BUT WHEN I GO TO PUT IN FINE DETAILS...

JUST WITH THE WAY THE CONVERSATION WAS GOING...

WELL...

Oogh...

YOU THOUGHT I WAS TALKING ABOUT YOUR FIGHT WITH MUDOU-SAN?

WELL...

JUST AS YOU SAY, YUKARI. WHEN THE GOAL'S RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, THERE'S NO WAY OUR FEELINGS CAN WAVER.

AND MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SWING A SWORD.

I wonder

I GUESS IT'S TOO MUCH TO ASK FOR IT TO GO RIGHT BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT. STILL, I JUST GET IMPATIENT...

THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO DRAW.

WE JUST NEED TO FIND A ROAD AHEAD.

PERHAPS A LINGERING EFFECT FROM THE INJURY?

... YOU'LL ALWAYS BE ABLE TO GET BACK...

AS LONG AS YOU REMEMBER THAT ONE THING,

JUST "DON'T LET GO WITH YOUR HAND."

EHHHH HHH!!!?

Hold...

EH-

WAS THIS SOMETHING TO CRY OVER, SENPAI!!!?

You'll be able to go back, Yukari!!!

burst

You'll always be able to return...

to the place you belong...

GOODNESS GRACIOUS... PLEASE TRY TO GET IT TOGETHER!!

IT'S SPRING!

Are you just completely helpless without a sword or brush in your hand?

Geez ! Wipe your nose!

Ooghh...

IS IT BECAUSE IT'S FALL?

I'M SORRY... I'VE JUST BEEN EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE LATELY...

AND SO...

AFTER THAT, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF SOME FLASHY LIGHTING AND MUSIC.

TAP

IF THE MAIN OBJECT IS FOR PEOPLE TO SEE THE UNIFORMS, WE'LL NEED A KIND OF RUNWAY.

IT'S NOT YOUR GODDAMN CONCERT.

Where the hell have you been?

A STAGE-DIVE OFF THAT THING'D BE SUICIDE!! FUCK!!

THE STAGE IS WAY TOO HIGH ABOVE THE AUDIENCE!!

YOU TWO PLEASE FIGURE THAT PART OUT!

WHO'S GONNA BUILD THIS BIG-ASS STAGE?

MAN, THIS IS KINDA ELABO-RATE...

Who do you think you are!

I DUNNO HOW WE'RE GONNA FILL A WHOLE PROGRAM...

REALLY THE ONLY THING WE'VE GOT FOR THE SHOW IS EXHIBITING THE WINTER AND SUMMER UNIFORMS.

EVEN IF WE FOIST THE STAGE CONSTRUCTION ON TATEWAKI,

MNGH...

YEAH, NORMALLY THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'D DO, BUT...

AHH, WELL...

Seeing as we've already worked through lunch break

WELL, I MEAN ...

IT'S JUST THE PRESIDENT BEING UNREASONABLE AGAIN, RIGHT? JUST THROW TOGETHER WHATEVER AND CALL IT A DAY.

ONCE WE'VE FILLED IN THE INTERVALS WITH AKIRA'S SCHOOL SWIMSUIT FIGURE, AKIRA'S SCHOOL TRACKSUIT FIGURE, AND AKIRA'S GYM UNIFORM FIGURE, I'M SURE TWO HOURS'LL GO BY IN A FLASH!

Right?

Who the hell ARE you?

What is that face?

SHE'LL BE LOOKING TO PICK OUT SOME FAULT SO SHE CAN KEEP US TRAPPED IN A NEVERENDING PENALTY GAME... THAT'S HOW OUR GENERAL WORKS.

THERE'S ALWAYS THE DANGER SHE WON'T COUNT IT AND'LL MAKE US DO IT OVER.

SINCE THIS'S MEANT AS A PENALTY GAME, IF WE DO A SHODDY JOB

I'VE BEEN IN A SORT OF ENDLESS HELL MYSELF FOR SOME TIME.

chew

...

THAT SOUNDS KINDA SCARY...

TELL ME WHY YOU FELT COMPELLED TO THROW MY NAME INTO ALL THOSE?

...

Ohh

IF THERE'S ONE THING WE'RE MISSING, IT'S

y'know

BUT ANY-WAY...

EVEN THOUGH THIS SHOULD BASICALLY BE ENOUGH,

...UGH! YOUR...

AHH, SHUT UP ALREADY! WHAT DO YOU...

MASTER!!!

Your nose fumes are all freaking WARM!!!

Burning Breath

MASTER!!!

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.....
.....

Dear me

Ahh, boy...

ALWAYS FULL OF ARDOR, HUH, KUROGANE-SAN?

Get what on!?

MURMUR

LET'S GET IT ON, RIGHT NOW!!

LET'S DO IT!

LET'S TRAIN A LITTLE BIT, MASTER!

JUST TILL THE END OF LUNCH BREAK!

C'MON, JUST A LITTLE!

Ah, is that what you meant?

I GET SO ANTSY WHEN THERE'S NO HOSHITORI FOR A WHILE!

THAT'S A JOB FOR NIGHT-TIME.

NO, NO, KUROGANE-SAN! I KNOW IT'S HARD TO HOLD IT IN, BUT...

Ehhhh?

Stop it!! You're making things worse!!

NO WAY IN HELL IT'S JUST GONNA BE SOME BORING OLD FASHION SHOW!

WE'RE THE ONES PUTTING THIS THING TOGETHER.

I see, I see...

THAT'S THE THING WE'RE MISSING. OF COURSE.

What do you mean?

MASTER?

THAT'S RIGHT. ...

Ahhh, ahhh!

Ahhh!

hWEh!?

GOTTA MAKE SURE THERE'S A SPOT FOR YOU IN THIS AS THANKS.

WELL DONE, WEIRDO MIDGET!

Nwa ha ha!

WAKKI'S SURPRISINGLY IMPORTANT WHEN IT COMES TO STUFF LIKE THAT, AIN'T SHE!

I NEED ACCESS TO THE STUDENT DATABASE.

ARE YOU JUST GOING TO MAKE TATEWAKI DO *EVERYTHING!?*

WHAT!?

IF THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO, WE'LL NEED TATEWAKI!

RIGHT THEN!

I'M QUITE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

YES INDEED.

VERY SMOOTHLY. THOUGH IT WORRIES ME A BIT THERE'S A PORTION OF THE PROGRAM WE AREN'T BEING NOTIFIED ABOUT.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEW UNIFORM UNVEILING EVENT

SEEM TO BE GOING ALONG QUITE SMOOTHLY.

ADMITTEDLY THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL, BUT IF OUR STUDENT COUNCIL CAN CARRY THIS OFF WITHOUT A HITCH...

THIS IS OUR FIRST FUNCTION HERE I WILL HAVE NO PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN.

EVEN IN MY ABSENCE, THE ACADEMY CAN CONTINUE TO RUN AS IT DOES NOW.

THAT WILL SERVE AS PROOF THAT,

...

THEN, PRESI-DENT...

NO, MERELY MAKING SURE.

YOU THOUGHT I WOULD?

YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF CHANGING YOUR MIND...?

EITHER WAY, THAT'S A MATTER FOR A LATER TIME.

FIRST WE MUST GET THIS NEW RULE SYSTEM...

UP AND RUNNING.

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This afternoon,

starting at 1:00 pm, in Auditorium Two.

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Attention, all Tenchi students.

CHATTER CHATTER

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Students are free to sit where they wish, but be advised that once the program begins...

we will be holding the new uniform unveiling event.

AS YOUR FATHER, I WON'T TOLERATE PLAYING HOOKY.

HURRY UP AND GET GOING, NAGI.

YOU HEARD 'EM.

In the case of unavoidable absence, please report to the Student Council at a later...

...In addition, attendance will be compulsory for all sword-bearing students.

MAN, WHAT A PAIN...

BUT...

I GOT IT.

WELL, JUST NEED TO GET THROUGH THIS, AND I CAN GET STARTED FOR REAL.

FIRST OFF, NEED A SHINYUU...

MM?

Heyyyyy

I don't get this school at *all*...

I mean, what the heck... I haven't even done the Hoshitori once, and they're changing the rules, *and* our uniforms...?

WELL, NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT THAT. YOUR TIMING WAS JUST BAD.

Ha ha ha

Hoo

I'm sure all the new students have just as much to deal with

?

NO NO NO.

NO WAY. NO WAY.

Parrot's Awakening

...YOU'D REALLY BE ALL RIGHT WITH THAT?

clack

I MEAN, IT'S FINE BY ME, BUT...

WELL...

Ehhh ?

AND SO, WITH THAT IN MIND...

BE COUNTING ON YOU AS MY SHINYUU, DAD.

Eh?

WHAT... WERE YOU REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THAT?

IF I DON'T HAVE A SHINYUU AT LEAST AS GOOD AS YOU, IT WON'T WORK OUT.

ALL RIGHT OR NOT, I JUST CAN'T STAND GOING SLOW.

Ah, is that right ...?

I ALREADY CLEARED IT WITH THE PRESIDENT, TOO.

YOU BET I WAS.

ALL THE PIECES'LL GET FLIPPED AROUND IN A FLASH.

'CAUSE ONCE I GET GOING, IT'LL BE LIKE A GAME OF OTHELLO.

DUNNN DA-DA-DA DAA DAA DUNNNN

FLASH

The fated hour!!!

It has arrived at last ...!

One!! And all!! Welcome!

The debut showcase event... is herebyyyy COMMENCED!!!!

The renewal of the uniform!!

Who is that?

Man, that's bright

You said it...

I can't see

Too bright...

clap

clap

clap

clap

clap

Aghh

...

This is my soul, Hitsugi-sama!

Do you see it?

Please, look upon it!

SHE WANTS TO SHOW THE PRESIDENT HER GOOD SIDE.

That's way too bright!

cnew

...

THE NOISY FOUR-EYES IS REALLY OUTDOING HERSELF.

WHY YYYYY YYY!!!

Change Now

A SOL that's really bright

TATE-SWITCH WAKI. OUT.

Oohh...

Modelling the new uniforms today will be pairs randomly selected from the pool of swordbearers.

GYARGHH HITSUGI-SAITAMA

Ahhhm

Well, then, let's move right along!

As they say, seeing is believing!

So then, here you are!

C'mon! Hit it!

Ohhh hhh!!!

CLATTER

AH ...!!

AH...

Who're you!?!?

IS THAT REALLY SOMETHING YOU HAD TO STAND UP TO SAY, MUDOU-SAN...?

AO-chAAAAN!!!

AH HA HA...

O- OOH, HAYATE-CHAN...

No.

adult version and on the left we have the... kid's version?

On the audience's right, we have the...

Am I getting that right?

General students' and swordbearers' both have the same design,

First, the winter uniform.

10th Grade

9th Grade

Ah ha ha ha

You're doing great, Mizuchi-san!

I knew it would end up like this

Ehhh

11th

Wow

Oooh

From the number of bars you can quickly and easily determine your opponent's rank,

New to swordbearers' uniforms, there will now be a rank badge on the hem of the skirt.

The class badges are largely unchanged.

though swordbearers will have some additional equipment installed into theirs.

It seems

RANK:Đ

Please direct your attention to the main screen

The color and number of stripes indicate the wearer's year.

...
Front-row seat, huh?
What is it, Kuga-san?
I HAVE A QUESTION, PLEASE, ONEE-TAMA!
No, I don't imagine that would be remotely okay.
Mmmn...
This is a very important matter
But for now, please return to your seat
WOULD IT BE OKAY TO HAVE A NEW RULE THAT SAYS IF YOU CAN FLIP UP THE OPPONENT'S SKIRT AND PLUCK HER RANK BADGE OFF, YOU WIN?
HAVE YOU JUST TOTALLY GIVEN UP ON KUGA-SAN, YUKARI?
COULD THIS HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE NEW RULES...?
THE DUELLING AREAS ARE ALREADY DIVIDED BY RANK. SO WHY ARE THEY BOTHERING TOO ADD RANK BADGES?
RIGHT HERE!
HEYYYY THERE EVERY-ONE!!!
Right right, then.
Moving on, next is the winter uniforms-
...
Ooh

.....
.....

Rio-nee...

It's RUNWAY!!

SO, TODAY WE'LL BE ON THIS... WHAT D'YOU CALL IT... RUNAWAY, HUH!

Huh!?

OH, LIKE A STAGE NAME?

WE'RE ONI-GASHIMA!!

I JUST HAFTA THINK OF THAT AS SOMEONE ELSE ENTIRELY.

NO, NO...

THAT WAS ALMOST YOUR PARTNER UP ON STAGE THERE.

PRETTY AMAZING, MOMO-SAN...

...

All together

Wow

Though in a sense we're all "running away" from ourselves, aren't we?

Stop it!! That's REALLY DEPRESSING!!

Sh-

Hueoooh

She's pretty funny today

Well, that was...

an... eventful little segment, but...

that will conclude the unveiling of Tenchi Academy's new uniforms.

Starting on Monday, we'll be seeing all of you in them as well.

these will likewise go into effect this coming Monday.

As regards the new Hoshitori rules,

A briefing will be held early that morning. Lateness will not be tolerated.

...

Next, we have for you...

So, that's it for that.

A LITTLE SIDE ENTERTAINMENT.

Your guide for this portion of the program

will be modelling the new design of the special uniforms worn by S-Ranked Student Council members— the so-called "Whiteshirts."

We present this, with all our love,

to the President, as our Penalty Game.

SNAP

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.....
.....

Ehhm...

Take it away.

MURMUR

Who's that?

...

hWEh?

THAT'S SOME-ONE...

IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ...?

IT'S FUCKIN' MEEE!!!

SQUEAL...! MASTER!!!

Oh MY!! hOW SWEET IT IS!!

MURMUR

WHO IS THAT?

DID SHE EVEN EXIST BEFORE?

MURMUR

IS SHE A TRANSFER STUDENT?

MURMUR

MURMUR

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MURMUR

HOW DID I TALK MYSELF INTO WEARING THIS CANDY-ASS STUFF?

Captain, a student has fainted!

It's fine, just roll her over

Very cute, Akira-sama!

AS IF PUTTING ON THE WHITE UNIFORM AGAIN WASN'T SHAME ENOUGH...

GOD DAMN IT...

Shreeek

No way!

...THE THING I'M CURIOUS ABOUT, THOUGH, IS WHY YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANY-THING...

YEAH, IT'S GREAT...

tremble

tremble

tremble

OOH!

"OK", SHE SIGNALED! ISN'T THAT GREAT, AKIRA?

This is good enough for a penalty game, right!?

How's this, General!?

...

Heeee hee hee

Ha ha ha

Students wearing the new uniforms will be battling right here on the runway.

So what we're going to have now is some **mock Hoshitori duels.**

Enh, what-ever.

We've taken the liberty of selecting the participants...

Four teams, split between Red and White corners.

Two matches.

PICK ME!! OOh, I hOPE THEY PICK ME!!!

hWOOh!!

WE GET TO FIGHT ON THAT SKINNY THING!?

Don't stand on the chair.

from the student database, taking into account power balance in forming the teams.

Understand, this means you won't necessarily be paired with your regular shinyuu.

Sounds like fun.

Ohh?

Hmmph...

Does it..?

If your name is called, no arguing allowed. Proceed directly to the front.

On the Red team,

High School First Year, Mudou Ayana,

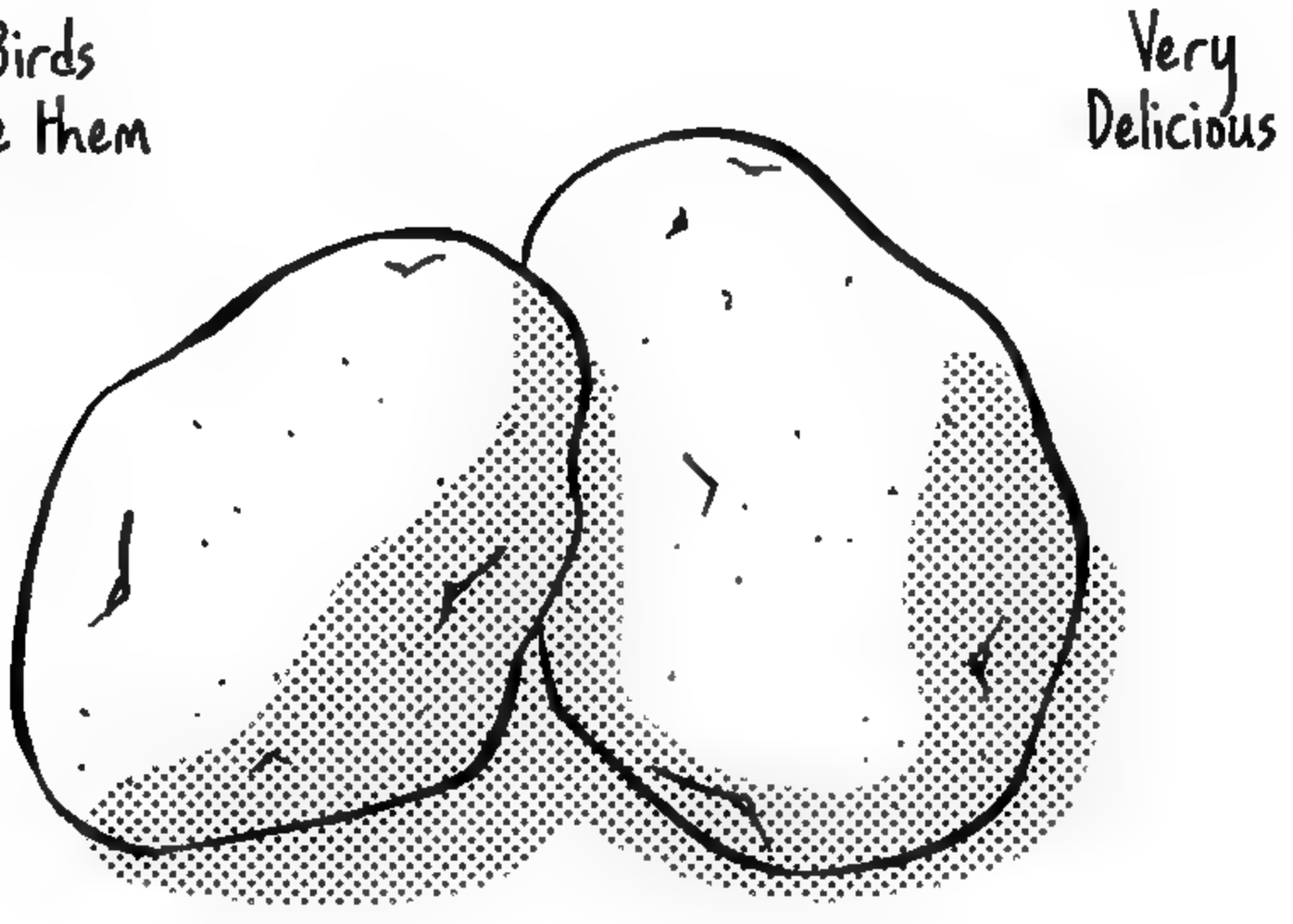
and fellow High School First Year, Someya Yukari.

For the first match.

Opposing them, on the White team—...

hUm?

○ "Parrot's Awakening" Potatoes ○



Swordbearer Family Survey

HIGH SCHOOL, YEAR 3, CLASS E

JU ENSUU

Grandfather:
Long-Dao (78)
Occupation
unknown

Tiger: Fei-Tsui (5)

Comment: Nothing but mysteries.

Swordbearer Family Survey

HIGH SCHOOL, YEAR 3, CLASS E

HIMURO MEIKO

Father:
Masakatsu (52)
Diet member

Elder brother:
Yoshinobu (20)
College student

Elder sister:
Aya (28)
Medical
examiner

Comment: Big Sis alone seems sort of nice.

Trivia

Page 59
Burning Breath is an ability from the *Dragon Quest* games.

Page 60
Amuro Ray is a character from the Gundam series. Hayate's line is a reversal of one spoken to him by another Gundam character, Char Aznable: "Why can't you see that, Amuro?"

Page 72
Inka no mezame is a variety of potato; this is changed here to *inko no mezame*, "**Parrot's Awakening**". The change may be a tribute to the pet parrot, Mr. Paret, mentioned in the Volume 13 afterword, who died on September 7, 2010, at the age of 15.

Page 83
The **Red and White** team system is taken from Japan's annual New Year's Eve television singing competition, Kouhaku (*kouhaku* means "red and white").

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MUDOU-SAN AND SOMEYA-SAN ARE GONNA JOIN UP, RIGHT?

WHAT'S SHE SAYIN'?

What's happening?

hUh?

hEh?

YOU'LL HAVE TO KEEP YOUR EYE ON THIS...

MIGHT BE A TAD BIT BAD FOR YOU, KURO-GANE...

The divorced couple returning to its...

.....

.....

Rekindled romance!?

The spilt water going back to its Obon-Kobon!!?

ドヨヨヨ

...I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT I AT LEAST UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE FREAKING OUT...

.....

.....

.....

If nothing else.

Shut it! You'll be talking with your JOINTS later!

Hyoo hooh! Pretty nice! A date with the ex-wife!

BASICALLY, FOR THIS FIGHT...

THEY'RE PUTTIN' THE OLD PARTNERSHIP TOGETHER AGAIN...

AND SO?

WHO ARE AYANA AND YUKARI GONNA BE FIGHTING?

You really don't listen to a thing, do you!!?

hOh?

You've really got stuff coming out of all sorts of places

IT'S JUST FOR RIGHT NOW, KURO-SAN.

JUST THIS ONE DUEL. YOU AND MUDOU-SAN ARE STILL SHINYUUS, THAT HASN'T CHANGED.

IF SOMEBODY HAD EXPLAINED IT A LITTLE MORE CLEARLY, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN NEEDLESSLY UPSET.

GREH...

Jump to conclusions so quick Kuro-chin!

WHAT, IS THAT IT!

THEN, NO WORRIES! THIS'LL BE FUN!!!

MUDOU-SAN AND SOMEYA-SAN'S OPPONENTS...

Well,

FIRST ONE'S HER,

THAT HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR.

And then...

Nrgh.....

I'm you two's first-ever Hoshitori opponent after you paired up, SUZUKI! SO-NO-E!!!!

OH, I'M SO SORRY!

Memory

Pah!

Don't get lured in, Suzuki san!

I'M GETTIN' THAT FEELING LIKE THERE'S A PESKY GRAIN OF RICE CAUGHT DOWN IN YOUR THROAT...

.....

.....

WHO IS THAT?

TAKI-ZAWA

HIDEYA.

THIS ONE I DON'T KNOW TOO WELL EITHER.

AND THEN, NEXT...

SHE'S A SENIOR IN THE HIGH SCHOOL—

I HAD NO IDEA SHE WAS STILL IN THE HOSHITORI.

I'M SUR-PRISED.

WELL, IF NOTHING ELSE, THIS MIGHT MAKE THINGS...

JUST A BIT MORE ENTER-TAINING.

And it was only for the first few months.

Basically, she was a pain.

YOU KNOW HER?

KNOW HER? THAT'S MY FORMER SHINYUU.

That was before you came to Tenchi, though.

I just can't wrap my head around it... What the heck is happening?

What is this?

But man.

How did it come to this...?

Hoo...

...

After all this time...

Peek

AYANA.

Having been partners before only makes it that much harder this time...

Even if it's just supposed to be a mock duel...

I'm sure she must be thinking the same thing.

HERE YOU GO.

Egh...

EVIDENTLY THE HEAVEN SWORD'S SUPPOSED TO WEAR THIS COLLAR PIN.

TO BE HEAVEN SWORD.

BUT,

FOR TODAY, I'D LIKE YOU

place

Eh?

hUh...

ME?

Is that OK?

...

AHH, THAT'S RIGHT.

YUKARI,

YOU'RE AN EARTH SWORD NOW, AREN'T YOU?

ARE YOU...

WOULD YOU REALLY BE ALL RIGHT NOT FIGHTING...

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

LEAVING THE STAR... TO ME.

ALL RIGHT WITH THIS?

FROM THE POSITION WHERE YOU'RE BEST?

THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO BE HEAVEN SWORD.

JUST BECAUSE IT'S A MOCK BATTLE DOESN'T MEAN IT'S OKAY TO LOSE.

SINCE I THINK THAT'S *OUR* BEST.

really what I meant, though...

That's not...

...

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"Our..."

huh?

best,

How long are you going to mess around in here!? Hurry up!!

Yes!! I'm very sorry!!

JUMP

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, BUT...

RIGHT THEN!

SHALL I GO STEAL MYSELF A HEAVEN STAR?

Should be getting started shortly, but...

Sorry about this, taking a little longer than expected.

Ahh...

MURMUR

MURMUR

Shrieeek

When I call you, hurry up and get yourself ready.

It's getting increasingly sloppy, Mikado-san.

For now, I'll just read out the participants for the second contest.

ROCK

ROCK

Man, this is boring..

Middle School Second Year,

Kurogane Nagi.

FOR REAL!

In the Red corner...

FOR REAL!?

AIN'T THAT GREATTT? WE GET TO PAIR WITH SOMEBODY WE KNOW!

NAGI-SANNN!

Yah

She's gigantic

Is she seriously a first year?

NAGI GETS TO GO ON...

Lucky her!

OOHH...

And then...

Oy! Don't play dumb over there, Midget Weirdo!

HUH?

HOW DO YOU READ THIS...?

And with her...

Probably... "Chihana Kanae"?

Middle School First Year,

Umm...

I guess?

Ah ha

THAT'S PROBABLY WAA.

AHHH...

Hum?

She's huge!

Yikes!

Whoa, she's tall!

Middle School Second Year, Kurogane Hayate.

Opposing them, in the white corner,

Ohh...

...FOR REAL?

YOU THINK SO?

MORE AND MORE, THIS IS COMING TO RESEMBLE THE SORT OF EVENT YOU WOULD'VE PUT TOGETHER.

...AND HOLD ON, THESE TEAMS *DEFINITELY* AREN'T RANDOM!!

Just half!?

No no, we assure you. Half of it was random.

And joining her on the White Team will be...

?

MM...

OOH HOO! SO WE'RE GETTIN' A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN THE SISTERS!

GOOD LUCK, KUROGANE!!

DON'T SKIP IT, PLEASE!! TELL ME!!

MASTER!! HOLD UP!!

MY HEAD IS GONNA GO FUNNY!!!

It's fine. This way is more fun.

FIRST I'm fighting Nagi, now I don't know who my partner is

BWhAA AAAT!!?

It seems the White Team's other member is already waiting in the back, so we can skip that announcement.

That'll be all.

AKIRA,

AKIRA!

Huh?

Ahhh, is that right?

Masterrrrr...!

We can get started with the first match.

All green!

And here we are, looks like everything's all set up.

TAKI-ZAWA-SAN!!

UM!

WAIT UP... UM... EXCUSE ME...

YES, WHAT IS IT?

AHH, WELL, ABOUT THAT...

WE HAVE TO DECIDE WHO'S HEAVEN AND WHO'S EARTH...

HIDE'S THE HEAVEN SWORD, SO THAT'S SETTLED.

—WAIT, YOU ALREADY PUT THE PIN ON!?

WHAT?

IS THAT REALLY... I MEAN...

J... JUST SAYING IT'S "SETTLED"...

HIDE'S REALLLLY STARTING TO FEEL STRESSED OVER HERE, YOU KNOW?

AHH, MAN...

I CAN'T?

...

.....
.....
.....

NO...

I MEAN, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU...

REALLY?

THAT'S GREAT, THEN. COME ON, LET'S GO!

...

HERE'S A COMBINATION THAT'S QUITE A FAMILIAR SIGHT TO MY EYES.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING IT.

YOU MAY NOT BE SHINYUUS ANYMORE, BUT I WONDER IF THOSE INSTINCTS FROM FIGHTING TOGETHER WON'T COME RIGHT BACK TO YOU.

SOMEYA-SAN,

MUDOU-SAN.

WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO HAVE A MATCH WORTHY OF YOUR EXPECTATIONS, ASAKURA-SAN.

...

TO BE SURE. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT TOO.

?

PLEASE DON'T BUILD SUCH A SAD CASTLE EVER AGAIN!!!

WHAT IS THIS FEELING...? LIKE A CASTLE OF SAND I SPENT MANY YEARS BUILDING UP WAS SUDDENLY BLOWN AWAY BY THE WIND...

NO...

IT'S NOTHING...

Eh?

EH...

WHAT IS IT?

I guess it's fine

I mean,

Did I say something wrong?

LOOKS LIKE EVERYBODY'S READY AND ACCOUNTED FOR.

WELL, BASICALLY IT'S THE SAME AS THE REGULAR HOSHITORI. DON'T GET TOO TENSE.

about this

I have a bad feeling

THE WHOLE BATTLE HAS TO TAKE PLACE ON THE RUNWAY. STEP OUTSIDE IT, AND YOU'RE OUT.

カルシャン

THE MAIN DIFFERENCE HERE WOULD BE THIS STAGE.

IT'LL AUTOMATICALLY SIGNAL WHEN IT RECEIVES A VALID STRIKE.

YOU'VE PROBABLY PRETTY MUCH GUESSED THIS ALREADY, BUT THE UNIFORM ITSELF *IS* YOUR STAR NOW.

THEN THERE'S THE UNIFORM.

SO INSOLENT... ALWAYS TALKING DOWN TO PEOPLE...

EVEN THOUGH HIDE'S OLDER THAN HER.

MIKADO AKIRA...

I HATE THAT GIRL.

Well, something like that

YOU'LL SEE WHEN ONE OF YOU WINS.

IN OTHER WORDS, THESE ARE DESIGNED TO CHANGE COLOR TOO, NOW?

Umpire!

Give the signal!

Fifteen minutes per match. One strike to win.

Now beginning the first duel.

RIGHT THEN, GO TO TOWN.

squeeeal

Oo

STRESSES ME OUT.

GRIT

IT R-

EALLLLLY

TWEEEEEET

WHIP

...

...!!

...

GEH...

!!

MUDOU-
SA...!!

WH-

...!

HOLD ON A...

!!

WHAT WAS *THAT!?*

...

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あ

あ

Hee..

Th...

That was really close!

Haah

YES! PLEASE FORGIVE ME!!

Haah

Haah

BE A BIT MORE CARE-FUL!

...

WE WERE ALMOST FINISHED THE MOMENT WE STARTED!!

I- I'M VERY SORRY! IT HAPPENED SO QUICKLY!

YOU LET HER PAST YOU?

YES!

SUZUKI-CHAN?

.....

.....

.....

TOTALLY UNFAIR.

EHHHH?

ONE MORE SOURCE OF *STRESS.*

THEY'VE CLEARLY GOT TEAMWORK ON THEIR SIDE.

HMMPH...

DUMMY! I CAN DODGE SOMETHING LIKE THAT ANY DAY OF THE WEEK.

AND ANY-WAY...

Here, think you dropped something

Keep it

BOY, THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL...

ALMOST THOUGHT WE'D HAVE TO HALT THE EVENT DUE TO AN AKIRA K.O.

...

HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

COME NOW. WHY WOULD SHE DO THAT?

HUH?

SHE *DEFINITELY* THREW THAT THING AT ME ON PURPOSE.

Don't put it on my head

I said, keep it

AIMING AT SOMEBODY BEHIND YOU WITH THAT KINDA ACCURACY... DOES SHE HAVE EYES IN THE BACK OF HER HEAD?

SHE SEEMS LIKE A REAL PAIN IN THE ASS.

ALL I KNOW IS...

JUST WHAT RANK HAS SHE BEEN HIDING IN ALL THIS TIME...?

Heeeee

This

Tatewaki put no effort into making the teams

IF NOTHING ELSE, SHE'S ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVEL FROM *THAT*.

YEAh!

I GOTTA GET BACK! I'LL MISS AYANA'S FIGHT!

だだだだ

HAYATE!

WHAT, YOU ALREADY FINISHED CHANGING?

◀ TOILET
EXIT ▶

OHH,

That didn't take long

Ooh

...

THINKING OF HER PARTNER BEFORE ME, HUH?

Hmm, mm!

THERE'S A PROMISING TREND.

Hooh!

Heeh!

AHH, BOY.

YOU'RE STILL WANDERING AROUND IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

WAIT, THOUGH, I WAS SUPPOSED TO ASK HER WHERE THE LOCKER ROOM WAS...

WELL... FIRST OFF, WHERE IS THIS?

hOOh...

hAh...

hEEh...

?

HUH...?

?

THE LOCKER ROOM'S THIS WAY, LITTLE ONE.

YOU'D BETTER HURRY UP AND GET CHANGED, SO WE CAN...

Your cuteness is off somehow

WHO ARE YOU?

MIO

STRESS, STRESS!

sph

STRESS...

sph

WITH ALL THIS STRESS?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO

NOW THEN...

Asakura Castle
(sand)

Location: Tottori

Trivia

Page 88

Obon-Kobon is a Japanese comic duo (consisting of Obon and Kobon). The phrase "Spilt water does not return to its tray (tray = *'bon'*)" is idiomatic in Japanese, roughly equivalent to "Don't cry over spilt milk." In this case the water, while not returning to its tray, is seemingly reuniting with its old comedy partner.

Page 115

Tottori prefecture is known for its sand dunes.

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ACK!

SIGH

YOU'RE *IMPOSSIBLE!!*

WHAT THE HECK! *STILL* HANGING IN!?

GOD!!

is one hell of a handful!

This girl...

That's *my* line...

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YA-

AHH!!

...

RAH!!!

WHAT'S WRONG! SURPRISED!?

MAYBE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME, BUT,

huff

wheeze

At the very least!!

EVEN I CAN MANAGE THIS MUCH PROGRESS!!!

SINCE THAT TIME I FIRST FOUGHT AGAINST YOU TWO...

Eh-

BACK THEN, AYANA STILL DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW THINGS ARE DONE HERE. SHE RUSHED OUT AHEAD...

I REMEMBER YOU VERY WELL, SUZUKI-SAN!

oogh.

IT TURNED INTO AN UGLY FIRST MATCH.

Leave it to me!

Just have to beat those two up, right?

No...!

Ayana, stop!!

BUT THIS TIME WE'LL BE SURE TO GIVE YOU A FAIR, SQUARE CLEAN FIGHT!

Whoa!

Hold!

Thigh Kick!!

Whoa...!

Well now! Looks pretty good on you!

OOHHH...

Made it in time!

Why is it like some kinda conjuring trick every time you show up somewhere!!?

IT'S REALLY TURNED INTO SOMETHIN'!

AYANA'S BEING A HEAVEN SWORD?

HOH?

SOMEHOW I GET A FEELING LIKE, EVEN MORE THAN USUAL, SHE'S...

HUMPH

HUMPH

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING AYANA WITH A HEAVEN STAR ON, BUT

HUMPH ...

OH?

MAYBE AYANA REALLY DOES DO BETTER WHEN SHE'S PAIRED WITH YUKARI...

SO EVEN YOU GET FRUSTRATED SEEING YOUR SHINYUU WITH SOMEBODY ELSE?

NOT SIDE-TO-SIDE AT ALL...

JUST GOING STRAIGHT AHEAD...

MNUh!

YEAh! YOU BET I'M FRUSTRATED!

ドン

'CAUSE IT MEANS I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGh!

I'M NOT REALLY SURE IT'S A MATTER OF YOU NEEDING TO BE STRONGER, KUROGANE-SAN.

I WONDER ABOUT THAT.

Wha?

GOTTA BUILD THAT MUSCLE!!

IF I CAN GET SUPER MAX MACHOED UP, LIFE'LL BE WAY EASIER FOR AYANA!

Well..

Not that you aren't right in a way..

Ahh...

THAT'S YOUR TAKE-AWAY...?

hUh, INORIN?

WAS I WRONG SOMEWHERE?

...

"SHINYUUS ARE...

TWO AS ONE, IN VICTORY OR DEFEAT."

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID, ISN'T IT?

...

BASICALLY, THE SAME THING'S IN PLAY HERE.

mnuh...

BASICALLY, I DON'T GET IT...

MM... WELL ...

HEAVEN HAS HER OWN DUTIES,

AND EARTH HAS HERS.

some-thing like that.

I GUESS WHAT I MEAN IS,

THE ONLY REASON MUDOU-SAN SEEMS DIFFERENT TODAY, IS BECAUSE SHE'S MOVED POSITION FROM EARTH TO HEAVEN SWORD.

I GET IT TOO. WELL, THE THEORY, ANYWAY.

All of you!! Quit sneaking up on me!!!

Ahh, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

Right?

Ohh

Hhh!?

You bet

I'M NOT SURE AKIRA COULD UNDERSTAND IT EITHER. IT'S A LITTLE TOO... VAGUE.

WELL, COME TO THINK OF IT,

there, see? You don't under-stand

WHAT'S VAGUE? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

.....

.....

.....

AH HA HA...

IS IT REALLY SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND?

I GUESS THE QUICKEST WAY TO UNDERSTAND IS TO SIMPLY TRY THE OTHER SWORD YOURSELF?

IN THE END,

?

?

DEPENDING ON WHICH LENS YOU'RE LOOKING THROUGH, THE SCENERY CAN CHANGE COMPLETELY.

JUST LIKE WITH A PAIR OF BINOC-ULARS.

わぁあ

あああ

...

THIS IS BAD... HIDE-CHAN'S...

GETTING MAD...

well, she's always mad, but..

AGH!

HEY!! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE...

!!

I'M SORRY!!

I-

...!

MAYBE I SHOULD START CLEANING UP FROM *THIS* SIDE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

HUH?

HIDE'S YOUR SENPAI, SO LISTEN UP. I'LL TEACH YOU SOMETHING.

SUZUKI-CHAN.

WHAT ARE YOU-

T-

T- T- T- T-...

TAKIZAWA-SAN!!?

DRAG

EH...

WHA...

IF YOU CAN'T BE USEFUL YOURSELF, THEN...

SACRIFICING YOURSELF TO TAKE OUT THE OPPONENT'S EYES.

SAY, FOR EXAMPLE,

AT LEAST BECOME A TOOL.

.....

.....

.....

Nrgh!

WHEN WE'VE SUCCESSFULLY LURED OUT THE STUPID HEAVEN SWORD,

THEN,

WE TAKE OUR SWORD, AND—

AYANA!!

ARE THEY GONNA GET HER?

OOH,

FWO

Oh...

...

!?

フ...

then,

NEXT...

O-

RAH!!

FIGURED IT'D TURN OUT LIKE THIS.

WELL,

WH-

YEOWCHHH!!!

AREN'T YOU GLAD? YOU MADE YOURSELF USEFUL.

THIS IS CALLED "BEING MY SHIELD".

...

HER OWN TEAM-MATE...!

TWEE-EEEET!

Invalid strike!

Heaven Sword struck the Earth Sword! Invalid strike!

AND NOW, FINALLY...

YOU'VE DONE GREAT, SUZUKI-CHAN.

HAUMP

YOU'RE IN MY WAY.

MOVE.

...!!

Heeee !

ドドド

HIDE-
CHAN
!!!

THAT'S NO GOOD.

THAT TYPE OF FIGHTING.

.....
.....
.....

!

TSUBAKI.

...

Why are you standing on a chair. .

Pant...

!

TWEEEEEEET

Strike is valid! Match concluded!!

Red Team are the victors!

see that?

アアアア

TAKE IT OFF.
And also... the proportions are all screwed-up
Build those muscles!

×HAYATE
CROSS
BLADE×

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Victory to the Red Team!

Pzzzzzzz

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Mudou Ayana,

and Someya Yukari!

Hoo

YOU TICK ME OFF, TSUBAKI.

AND JUST WHEN I WAS FINALLY ABOUT TO TAKE CARE OF MY STRESS.

Shut up...

DZZZZZZZ

GOD...

under the new system, when you lose...

SHUT UP, WEIRDO MIDGET ☆

Weeyeow-wwww!!! Ayana, so won-derful!! Love so sweet!!

So, just as you can see,

Got that, sword-bearers?

a star shows up on your back, and there's a signal from your topmost button.

Those'll go away once the umpires come around with a special device to read the result data.

Hm?
I REALLY AM A CATAS-TROPHE,
AREN'T I?
Sigh...
What was I playing the action hero for?
...
BUT...
MM...
CAN'T CLAIM I'M ALL THAT SATISFIED WITH MY PERFORMANCE EITHER,

...
I'LL PROBABLY FORGET.

I'LL REMEMBER IT,
THIS STRESS.

ohh..

...

slap

WELL,

IN ANY CASE!

IT HURTS WAY MORE THAT YOU REMEMBERED ME AS "WORST-OF-THE-WORST"!!!

THAT MUST'VE HURT A TON...

And you're pretty fragile, too

I JUST COULDN'T STOP MY SWORD IN TIME.

OH,

AND I'M REALLY SORRY, WORST-OF-THE-WORST.

EVEN SO, THOUGH...

Urghh..

But, even so...

.....
.....

ONE WRONG STEP, AND THAT WOULD'VE BEEN SUICIDE.

YOU REALLY DIDN'T THINK I COULD DEAL WITH THAT THRUST MYSELF?

YOU'LL PUT ME IN A BIND, DOING THINGS LIKE THAT...

HUH?

OHH!

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE STILL WORRYING ABOUT STUPID THINGS...

GUESS I JUST REACTED LIKE IT WAS THE OLD TIMES AGAIN.

THAT'S RIGHT! I'M SORRY!

OF COURSE YOU'D BE FINE WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT. BUT I STILL STUCK MY NOSE IN...

Just like I figured.

Yes... that's right.

BUT THAT'S RIGHT, ANYONE OTHER THAN YOU AND I'D NEVER GET AWAY WITH THAT...

mumble

THERE'S JUST A CERTAIN SENSE OF SECURITY WITH YOU...

mumble

Yeah... That's right, isn't it?

Hm, nod

.....
.....

Ohh, COME ON NOW!! HIGH-FIVE! GIMME HIGH-FIVE!

GIVE YOU WHAT?

...

OR COULD IT BE... YOU'D LIKE TO "GIVE ME ONE" SOMEWHERE ELSE...?

RIGHT HERE, AYANA!! GIVE ME ONE TOO!!!

GIVE IT HERE!!

CONGRATU-ELATION-S, AYANA-AAA!!!

UP HIGH!!

RIGHTY THEN.

Way up high!!?

LET'S SEND THIS SPACE-SHUTTLE ON ITS FINAL FLIGHT.

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!!

YOU'RE IN THIS THING TOO, SO MIGHT AS WELL WIN!!

Ough!!

YES MA'AM!!!!

Y-

I WAS WONDERING WHAT IT WAS GONNA BE...

HOH HOHH...

SO?

WHO'S MY PARTNER GONNA BE?

In the end.

EH?

I DUNNO.

Well

WE DO ASK THAT YOU PLEASE NOT CLIMB ON TO THE STAGE...

UMM,

THE DEPTH OF TENCHI'S POCKETS NEVER FAILS TO AMAZE.

HAVING A BIG STAR POP UP ON THE BACK LIKE THAT...

I'm not sure either

SOUNDS LIKE QUITE A FEW.

WOULD BE AYANA, OR SOMEYA, OR ONEE-TAMA, OR...

THE ONLY PEOPLE RIGHT NOW WHO COULD PUT A STAR ON MY BACK

No no no

THE ONLY ONE WHO *REALLY* COULD WOULD BE YUUHO...

.....

.....

WE WOULDN'T WANT YOU EMBAR-RASSING YOURSELF ANY MORE THAN YOU ALREADY DO.

TRUE ENOUGH.

IT'S LIKE WALKING AROUND WITH A BIG STICKER ON YOU SAYING "I LOST"!

MAN, THOUGH, WOULD THAT BE EMBAR-RASSING!

Ah hA hA! WELL OF COURSE I WON'T! NO WAY I'M LOSING.

EEEEEE-

EEEEK!!

.....

ARE YOU SCARED OR HAPPY? I CAN'T EVEN TELL...

AN ANGEL!!

what is that supposed to mean.

OH?

NWU-OH!?

WhA!!?

SO YOU REALLY DID COME.

Good!

AHH, YUUHO.

there's the little one

SIGMA-AAA!!!

SHE TOLD US SHE'D BE COMING BACK TODAY.

And kept it from you

WE DID KNOW ABOUT IT.

well,

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!? YOU'RE ACTING LIKE YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS!!!

WHOA WHOA WHOA WHOA WHOA, HOLD ON, JUST *HOLD* ON!!

YUU-HO~~ ...!!

SUCCES-SFUL ☆

SURPRISE!

THAT'S RIGHT! COME TO THINK OF IT, I DID GET A LETTER LIKE THAT.

OH,

Even you!?

Right?

EVEN IF WE KNEW SHE WAS COMING BACK...

BUT, STILL...

HAYATE-CHAN, YOU TRAITOR!!!

Right then!

Let's not waste time here and keep it rolling.

GOD Damn it

Having me run all over the stage

Coming up next, our second match.

IF YUUHO'S UP HERE ON THE STAGE,

?

Hoh?

AND SHE'S WEARING THE NEW UNIFORM, DOES THAT MEAN...

You're not telling me..

WH...

OY.

YOU REALLY GONNA BE ALL RIGHT?

Youuuu bet!

NO WAY AM I LEAVING IT TO YOU!!

LEAVE IT TO MEEE!

Red team,

white team,

WE'RE REALLY GONNA BE FIGHTING TOGETHER, SIGMA!?

FOR REAL!?

LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, LITTLE ONE.

FOR REAL.

hYAhh hOhhh!!

Step for-ward!

she's huge

SORRY... SHE INSISTED ON IT HERSELF, THOUGH.

Of course, in her case we made sure to get it cleared first

CAN'T DENY, IT'S AN UNEXPECTED DEVELOP-MENT...

THEY'RE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS...

AREN'T THEY BEING A BIT HARD ON MY GIRL? THE VERY DAY SHE COMES BACK TO SCHOOL...

AND I'VE NEVER SEEN HER...

ITCHING SO BAD TO DO SOME-THING BEFORE.

MM-NN...

MAYBE YOU SHOULD'VE TRIED TO STOP HER, JUN

I'M A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT HER TOO.

DOUBT I COULD'VE ANYWAY.

well, to start with,

THE WAY SHE HIT ME WITH THAT SURPRISE ATTACK,

NO MERCY!!?

What heartless ostracism!

SHE'S RIGHT. YOU'RE UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL.

Somehow you started acting like you belonged up here

WELL,

THAT'S FINE AND ALL, BUT HURRY UP AND GET BACK TO YOUR SEAT.

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SO, ...

HURRY UP AND CHOOSE.

WE FORGOT.

Whoops

AH...

WHAT'D YOU DECIDE AS FAR AS HEAVEN/ EARTH SWORDS?

?

oh yeah.

THEN, GUESS WE'LL DO THE SAME OVER HERE. YOU CAN BE HEAVEN...

...NO WAY, HUH. THEN, I'LL BE HEAVEN.

IS THAT OKAY?

Just like that?

EH...

THEN, YOU CAN BE HEAVEN, SIGMA!

?

SURE! THEY SAID I SHOULD TRY THE OTHER ONE MYSELF, AND ALL.

No problem.

...I SAID IT BEFORE, BUT YOU REALLY DO LOOK JUST ALIKE.

In the White Corner, Shizuma Yuuho and Kurogane Hayate.

...

Right then. This time we're definitely starting for real.

YEP. WE MET A LITTLE BIT AGO.

YOU KNOW NAGI, SIGMA!?

THANKS FOR EARLIER.

SHE'S KANAI.

HEH ?

KANAI.

And in the Red Corner, Kurogane Nagi and Chihana Kanae.

MN?

Come to think of it, everybody but me's an upperclass-man..

Kinda startin' to feel a little bit nervous...

FIDGET

Kanai can mean "my wife."

Ah!

AH... ARE YOU TWO SHIN-YUUS?

NAGI, YOU GOT MARRIED!!?

.....

AHH...

I SEE... SO SHE'S YOUR WIFE...

Good for you

Not that "kanai"!! It's her NAME!!

WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE TALK—

DON'T LUMP ME TOGETHER WITH HER!! SHE'S BEYOND ATYPICAL!!

SORRY ABOUT THAT. YOU'VE GOT THE MIDGET WEIRDO'S BLOOD IN YOU, I JUST ASSUMED YOU MEANT SOMETHING... ATYPICAL.

Right, "Kanai." That's "*Chihana Kanai*," correction.

Ahh ahhh...

Ah ha ha ha ha ha

EH HEH...

Don't give me that!!

WHUMP

AND YOU, TOO! DON'T JUST LET IT SLIDE! IT'S YOUR OWN DAMN NAME!

YOU KNOW ABOUT *SHIISAA*, NAA-SAN?

OF COURSE. I AT LEAST KNOW ABOUT *SHIISAA*.

came from back here

This thing

NOOO, NOOO, I MEAN THE *SHIISAA* WHEN THEY'RE *ACTIVATED*.

I'M VERY HAPPY! (*Ure-shiisaa*)

Who's that joke aimed at!!?

I THINK YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON WHO EVER REMEMBERED MY NAME THE FIRST TIME, NAA-SAN.

When did I become "Naa-san"?!

Y'SEE, TRUTH IS... *SHIISAA* ARE REALLY ARMORED ANTI-DISASTER SUITS MADE THOUGH A SYNTHESIS OF ALL JAPAN'S MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES.

WHEN A BIG TYPHOON COMES, THE YOUTH FROM ALL THE DIFFERENT TOWNS DON THE *SHIISAA* AND DEFEND THE ISLAND FROM HARM.

THE BEAUTIFUL BALSAM FLOWERS OF MY HOMELAND!

I SHALL PROTECT

We

WE'RE STARTING THE FIGHT.

WHO'S supposed to be older than WHO here ..?

TWITCH

AH HA HA HA! NAHHH, JUST KIDDIN' ROUND!

It wasn't true!!?

ARE— YOU— FOR— REALLL!!?

Tch.

You believed her ?

SO IT WASN'T TRUE...?

Whoa.

So it wasn't true...

Umpire!!

WRAP

Ack,

ooh

Give these idiots the signal!

Sigh.

I give up, just do whatever you like.

ack

Master!

Be more ceremonial and all!

Fight bravely, everyone.

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tweeeet

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AWWWW RIGHT!

IT'S FINALLY BEGUN! KUROGANE'S TIME IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

THOUGHT WE WEREN'T GONNA GET PAST THE LITTLE SKIT.

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WE'VE BEEN SORTA FRIENDLY RIVALS SINCE THE TIME SHE GOT HERE, BUT,

WE ACTUALLY AIN'T HAD MANY CHANCES TO SEE EACH OTHER FIGHT FOR REAL.

NOW I CAN GET A NICE, LONG LOOK AT JUST HOW FAR KUROGANE'S COME ALONG...

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Quite exciting, isn't it...!

KURO-
GANE...

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hhhhhh!!

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IS
THAT...

REALLY
HOW
FAST SHE
WAS...?

Even back during the graduation event,

don't think she was quite that

First off,

take out the Earth star!

that'll make it

2-on-1!!

PEH...

!!

LITTLE ONE!!

OOHH...

BUT, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TAKE THE HEAVEN STAR LIKE THAT.

THAT'S VERY CONSIDERATE OF YOU.

DON'T PICK ON HER SO MUCH.

C'MON, SHE'S JUST A ROOKIE.

oohh- hhh...

GI!

NA-

WHO- AH!

WHOA-

WHOA-

I THOUGHT I'D BE UP HERE WITH NO ONE TO FIGHT THIS WHOLE TIME.

I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT.

I JUST GOT THROWN OFF MY PACE FOR A SECOND, THAT'S ALL.

I'M COMING TO GET IT NOW.

NO,

SURE...

A LITTLE BIT...

JUST HOLD OUT FOR A LITTLE BIT HERE.

HEY. CHIHANA KANAI.

IF YOU CAN JUST HOLD HER UP FOR A BIT, THAT'LL BE ENOUGH.

Hirf

Hreh

JUST MAKE SURE NOT TO LOSE YOUR OWN.

DON'T EVEN WORRY ABOUT TAKING THE EARTH STAR.

I'LL HAVE THAT HEAVEN STAR IN NO TIME.

I WON'T NEED LONG.

SOUNDS GREAT!!

HA HAA! WELL THEN, THAT HAPPENS TO BE MY SPECIALTY!

...

I JUST HAFTA KEEP PARRYIN' HER ATTACKS, THAT'S ALL?

RIGHT.

SO LONG AS I JUST DON'T LET HER PAST?

THAT'S IT.

WH-

WHAT'S THIS...?

Whoosh..

Eh?

Eh...

IT'S LIKE A TRADE SHOW EXHIBIT FOR IRREGULAR SWORD STYLES.

Sigh..

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IT'S FINE, HAYATE-CHAN! YOU LOOK PLENTY COOL THE WAY YOU NORMALLY ARE!

IT'S JUST EVERYBODY ELSE'S STANCES, THAT'S ALL!

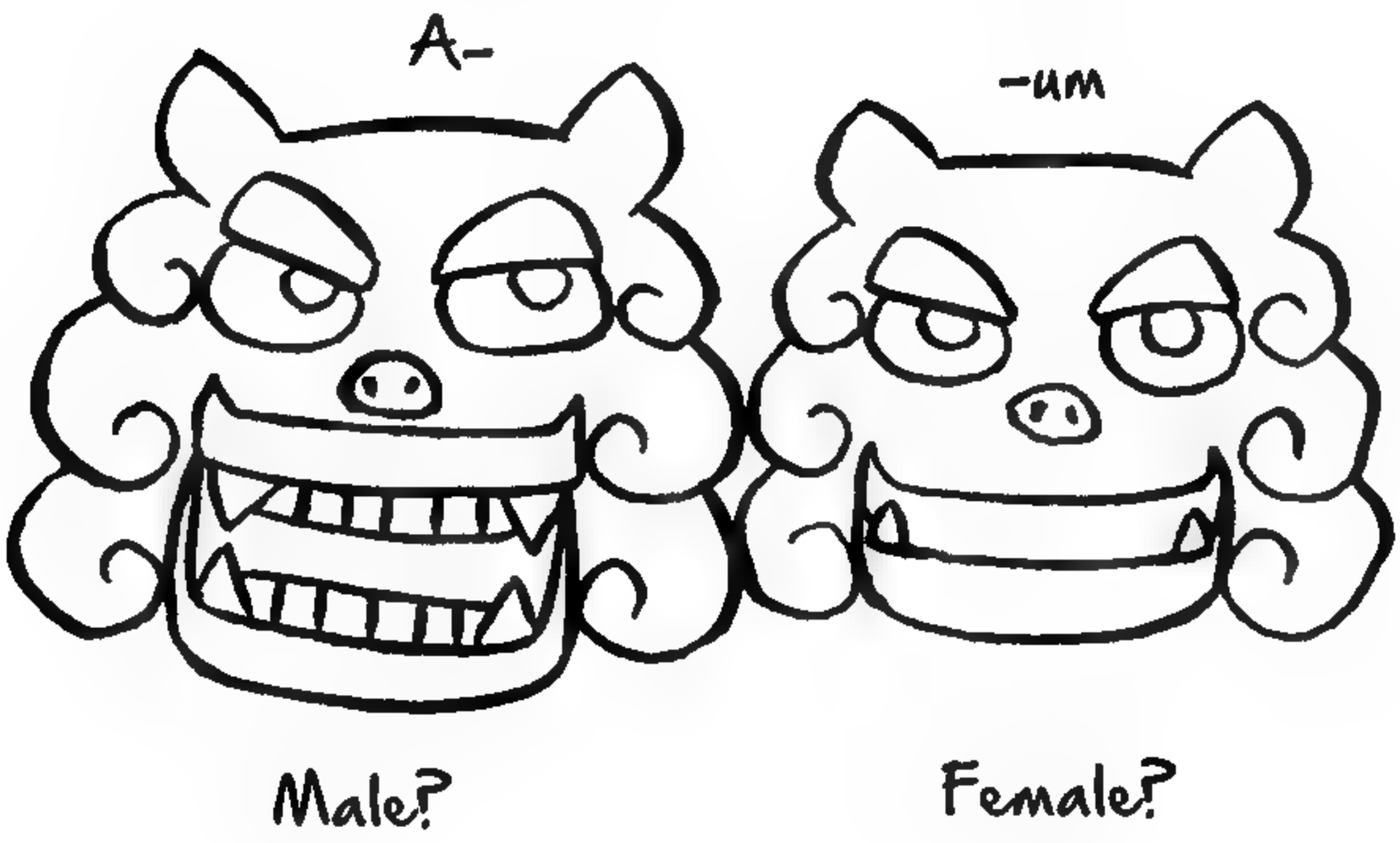
KUROGANE-SAN, I DON'T REALLY THINK THERE'S ANY POINT IN THAT...

Crane style?

QUIT FORCING YOUR-SELF, KURO.

NO NO NO NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ONE TOO.

○ There are various theories regarding Shiisaa. ○



Trivia

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Shiisaa or *shisa* are decorative statues in the form of a certain mythical, lion-like creature. They are a major symbol of Okinawan culture.

"**Balsam flowers**" refers to the Okinawan folk song "Tinsagu no Hana."

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Aum: as in the Sanskrit syllable "om". Paired statues, like *shiisaa*, are often depicted as though pronouncing this word, one the beginning ("au-"), the other the ending (-m).

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YES,
YOU HAVE TO APPLAUD THE JOB MIKADO-SAN AND THE OTHERS HAVE DONE IN PUTTING THIS TOGETHER.
HERE'S A TRUE CAN'T-MISS MATCH.
EVEN MORE SO THAN THE FIRST ONE WAS.
WITH THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY WATCHING OVER THEM...
THE YOUNG WOMEN UP ON STAGE FIGHTING,

#89

Next Stop Idiocy

IT GIVES ME THE CONFIDENCE TO BELIEVE THAT TENCHI ACADEMY HAS TAKEN ANOTHER STEP FORWARD.

ALL IN THE MIDST OF THIS FINE SENSE OF FREEDOM.

#89

Next Stop Idiocy

JUST GET IN THE *SEIGAN* STANCE, KUROGANE-SAN!!

THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE POSE YOU USE TO TRANSFORM, HAYATE-CHAN!

Rider!

Ah ha

ha

You're way too free out there!!

I SAID, that's enough with the poses, Kuro!!!

Rider!

ha ha

Kind of calmed everyone down a little, didn't she?

GOOD GRIEF... SHE ONLY KNOWS TO GO AT HER OWN SPEED.

Ah hA hA... GEEEEZ, KURO-ChIN!...

Momoka-san?

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HOH!!!

WELL!

OOH...

WHAT DID YOU DO?

THOUGHT FOR SURE I HAD YOU THERE...

Ohh...

DON'T EXPECT ME TO GIVE UP MY SECRET SO EASILY.

Hmph, hmph!

HEH-HEM!

HUH!?

YOU LOOKED AWAY.

THIS ISN'T THE SAME *WAA* YOU WERE FIGHTIN' BEFORE!

NOW YOU'RE GOIN' UP AGAINST MY SPECIAL, PERSONALIZED SWORD-STYLE! MADE UP OF A "GRAND CROSS" OF KARATE AND FENCING TECHNIQUES!!!

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YOU GAVE UP PRETTY MUCH YOUR ENTIRE SECRET RIGHT THERE.

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-OHH !!

HOW'D YOU CLOSE THE GAP SO FAST ...?

AMAZ-ING...

WHOAH!

OH-

WHOA-

...

WHAT'RE YOU, A NINJA !!?

—I MIGHT BE...

"ONE PART"!? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

I THINK I MIGHT BE ONE PART NINJA, NOW.

HMM, MAYBE SO.

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY?

WITH THAT ROLLED UP INTO ME.

A NEW SHIZUMA YUUHO,

NMM?

YES!!

LITTLE ONE!

TO OUR HEART'S CONTENT!

LET'S PLAY!

OU GOT IT, SIGMA!!!

WE'LL MAKE IT A CONTEST!!!

Ouh!

...

HMMH ...

PLAY-ING, HUH.

...

Y-

JUST PLAYING AROUND ?

BUT CAN YOU REALLY TAKE MY STAR

!!!

...

HUH ...?

...!

IN-CREDI-BLE!

COULD YOU BE A NINJA TOO?

GUESS WE'LL BE PLAYING AROUND HERE AFTER ALL.

...THIS WORKS TOO.

.....

LOOKS LIKE WE DIDN'T HAVE TOO MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT WITH HER...

NO... IF ANYTHING, SHE LOOKS EVEN SHARPER THAN BEFORE...

EVEN SO... SHE CAN'T POSSIBLY HAVE ALL HER STRENGTH BACK YET.

IS HAYATE-CHAN GONNA DO A PROPER JOB GIVING HER SUPPORT?

GOOD POINT ...

IT *IS* HER FIRST TIME BEING AN EARTH SWORD...

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Not to mention she's an idiot, and a dumbass, and she's all clingy and damp?

MY SHINYUU IS DOWN THERE.

YOU TWO ARE THE ONES WITH SHINYUUS OUT THERE.

From up here!

I THOUGHT WE WERE ALL GONNA CHEER THEM ON TOGETHER TILL THE END...

STARTING TOMORROW, I MIGHT BE MEETING EITHER ONE OF THEM IN BATTLE.

I'M NOT THE SORT OF PERSON WHO COULD STAND BY HAPPILY ROOTING THEM ON.

...

HUH, AYANA?

SCARY AS EVER,

WELL, IF YUUHO'S FINE WITH IT, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO BE TOO.

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OH?

YOU'RE LEAVING, SOMEYA?

BUT, WHEN SHE PUTS IT LIKE THAT, IT MAKES YOU HOPE FOR...

WELL, CAN'T SAY SHE DOESN'T HAVE A POINT.

SHOWING OFF ALL THEIR BEST POINTS.

A BRILLIANT VICTORY OUT THERE,

hOY!!

OUH!

hOY
hOY
hOY-
YYY!!

OOH-
UH...

hOh!

hOY!

OOHH!

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AH HA HA HAA... I ALREADY TOLD YOU I WAS.

Big

YOU'RE USING KARATE TECHNIQUES!!!

Little

KNOCKING AWAY MY SWORD WITH YOUR FIST LIKE THAT...

VVVV-
VVV—

V-

?

Wha's wrong?

.....
.....

V-

I THOUGHT I'D GOT HER COVERED WITH EVERY POSSIBLE *TSUKKOMI* BY THIS POINT, BUT...

THERE'S JUST NO BOTTOM TO HER STUPIDITY.

She only figured it out now?

MORE, MORE!

ON TO THE NEXT ONE!!

VVVERY INTEREST-ING!!!

AH HA HA... BUT YOU SPOKE UP JUST THE SAME.

CHOHHHHHH!!

...Sigh

AN IDIOT WITH-OUT END.

LOOKING AT HER, I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT WAY.

AT THIS PLACE, MAYBE THAT'S JUST WHAT'S NORMAL, AND *WE'RE* REALLY THE STUPID ONES.

NO DOUBTING THAT, BUT...

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DON'T SAY "LAME"... I FEEL ALL ASHAMED ALL OF A SUDDEN...

RATHER THAN "STUPID," I GUESS YOU'D JUST CALL US... LAME?

HMM, TRUE ENOUGH... THINKING BACK...

WE WERE THE ONLY ONES ACTING ALL PAINED AND SERIOUS.

SHE MEANS SOMETHING TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT RYOUICHI-SAN CALLED "PLAYING AROUND."

IF NOTHING ELSE, I DO UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN SHIZUMA-SAN SAYS "PLAYING AROUND,"

STILL,

I NEED TO TELL THEM.

"I WANT TO STAY HERE AT TENCHI AND PLAY AROUND A LITTLE MORE EARNESTLY,"

I NEED TO GET MY MESSAGE ACROSS CLEARLY THIS TIME.

ALL THOSE THINGS I LEFT UNDONE.

I'LL HAVE TO DO THEM ALL PROPERLY,

AND AFTER THAT, I'LL HAVE SOME APOLOGY PHONE CALLS TO MAKE.

SAKI IS AN ESPECI-ALLY SCARY THOUGHT.

YOU SAID IT

You should see the number of voicemails waiting for me on my cell phone

Coo—ah!

The incoming freshmen have a person like that amongst them...

How incred-ible!

.....

.....

HAH!

HOO!

Great to see them so full of spirit, isn't it...!

...!

You think so too, Momoka-san?

YEAH ...

INCREDIBLE, AREN'T THEY. KUROGANE, AND THE FIRST-YEAR, AND EVERY-BODY ELSE TOO...

BUT,

EY-SAH!

WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT.

"INTERES-TING" OPPO-NENTS.

TO KURO-GANE, WE WOULDN'T BE...

Ah...

Hm?

Hm?

That's not the kind of "interesting" I'm talking about!!

You're very interesting, Momoka-san!

That had Kurogane-san in stitches! She nearly passed out from laughter!

Your "Swealth Fighter"...

That's not true at all, Momoka-san! Why, just last night, your performance with that pair of sweatpants...

That's...

Like this?

Stealth fighter

Pull over upper body ①

② Bend forward

Moka-chaaan

Stop it, please, stop! Haa heee hee hee hee heeh hyeeeeh hyeeeh

Hyaah ha ha ha

I'm dyinggggg

KURO !!!

...!

SEEMS LIKE EVERY ONE STEP SHE TAKES...

I ALWAYS FIGURED I COULD CATCH RIGHT BACK UP TO HER, BUT...

KUROGANE GOT HERE LATE, BUT STILL BLEW RIGHT PAST ME.

YOU'RE THE PROTECTOR RIGHT NOW!!!

PAY ATTEN-TION!!

FORGET THE STAR!! AND LOOK!!!

Gasp!

Ohhh...

.....

.....

I thought she was basically the same type as me, but...

What's more, this girl...

pant

Unbeliev-able... I thought I could at least last ten minutes...

BUCKLE

GREH...

WON'T LET YA THROUGH !!!

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Muh!

...

AH-!

JUMP

SIG-MA!

BUT I'M GETTIN' THROUGH ANYWAY!!!

WhAAA !!?

CHEATERS ALWAYS PROSPER!

FWE HE HEH HEH HEH!

NO FAIR! YOU CHEATED !!

N-

Ha ....

ha ha

It turned into something incredible

Momoka-san

Ah

ha ha

Ooh ho ho ho hoh

ha

ONE SMALL STEP IS LIKE A GIANT LEAP.

TO THAT TINY BODY,

EH?

.....

COULD IT BE I CAN'T STOP THIS?

OH?

HAVE A LOOK!

THIS IS IT! MY SPECIAL FINISHING BLOW:

10th

THE "PHARAOH STRIKE"!!!

Naa—

ngreh.

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THE SECOND CONTEST WILL END WITHOUT A DECLARED VICTOR!

あ Ahhhhhhhh あ

AS THE HEAVEN SWORDS ARE JUDGED TO HAVE GONE OUT SIMUL-TANEOUSLY,

Thank God I didn't make that idiot our Earth Sword...

FORCED TERMI-NATION, HUH...?

Nothing for it, I guess

OH DEAR...

As long as you're safe, that's all that matters, princesses...

.....
.....
.....

SO... JUST WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU DOING, JUN?

OOO-CH...

ARE YOU OKAY, LITTLE ONE?

AND Little one #2?

Don't call me "Little one"

Q "#2"

"PRINCES-SES"... YOU'RE INCLUDING *ME*!?

Quit being gross!!

The Pharaoh's a scary gent

Ohhh

Yes'm...

No damage to report...

I'M JUST SAYING... I HOPE YOU'LL REMEMBER,

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN EARTH SWORD.

Whew...

I'D HATE TO GET MY SHINYUU BACK AFTER SO LONG, JUST TO SEND HER RIGHT BACK TO THE HOSPITAL...

I'M BEGGING YOU HERE, HAYATE-CHAN...

I DIDN'T MEAN THAT...

NO NO,

Junko's not angry or anything

OHH ...

I'M SORRY...

Of course you would

WE HAVE TO BE THE ONES TO SEND FORTH A WIND TO CARRY YOU.

SO THAT YOU HEAVEN SWORDS CAN FLY ON WITHOUT A BACKWARDS GLANCE,

ThANK YOU SIR!

I'VE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL!!!

...

That's NOT what she means!

You have!? About Panty flashes!!?

IF EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE YOU'D LET THAT WIND LIFT YOUR SKIRT UP A BIT TOO, TO GIVE US A—

SO, IN RETURN, IT WOULDN'T BE THE WORST THING...

JUN.

What d'you say, Yuuho?

NAA-SAN!!

This place really is a pain...

Earth Sword, and Heaven Sword huh...?

Since the little one doesn't say all kinds of weird stuff

She does!

She totally does! u_u

She says weird stuff all the time!

Maybe I should've been YOUR shinyuu, little one

Huh!?

Don't say that!

...

NEXT TIIIME... I'LL DO BETTER!

I'M SORRYYY... I LET HER PAST!

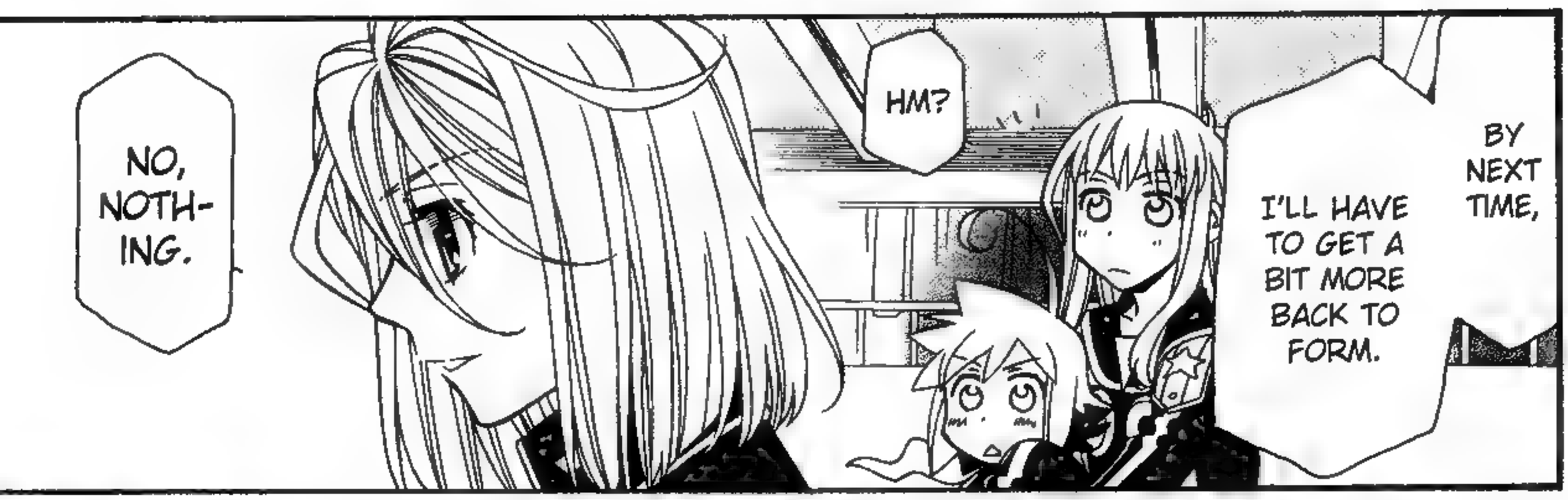
THERE IS NO "NEXT TIIIME"!

...

STUUU-PID!

From now on...

But what about your swimsuit show, Akira?
Oh?
There's no freaking swimsuit show!!!
STOP IT!!
No I mean, please stop!!
ALLLLL right everybody! time for the closing skit!
Now then, what's the difference between having new uniforms and.
CLAP!
CLAP!
So, that concludes the second match.
...Which I guess means we're about done here?
You can all leave.
AH HA HA HA HA HA HA


NO, NOTH-ING.
HM?
I'LL HAVE TO GET A BIT MORE BACK TO FORM.
BY NEXT TIME,

nUh...
YOU GOT IT!!
LET'S PLAY AGAIN SOMETIME, LITTLE ONE!
THAT WAS A LOT OF FUN.
Well, I could've done without the ending, but...

NO.

I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT ANYTHING.

I'M JUST—

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Momoka-san...

I don't think you need to worry so much...

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I WON-DER WHAT ...

WHAT'S WRONG, MOKA-CHIN?

WHAT IS IT, MOMO-SAN?

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From here on out...

YES! WHAT IS IT?

...

Ah!...

SEN-PAI?

Welcome back!

WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT ARE YOU DOWN HERE BROODING OVER?

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WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE SECOND MATCH?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT ENDED BEFORE I FINISHED CHANGING!

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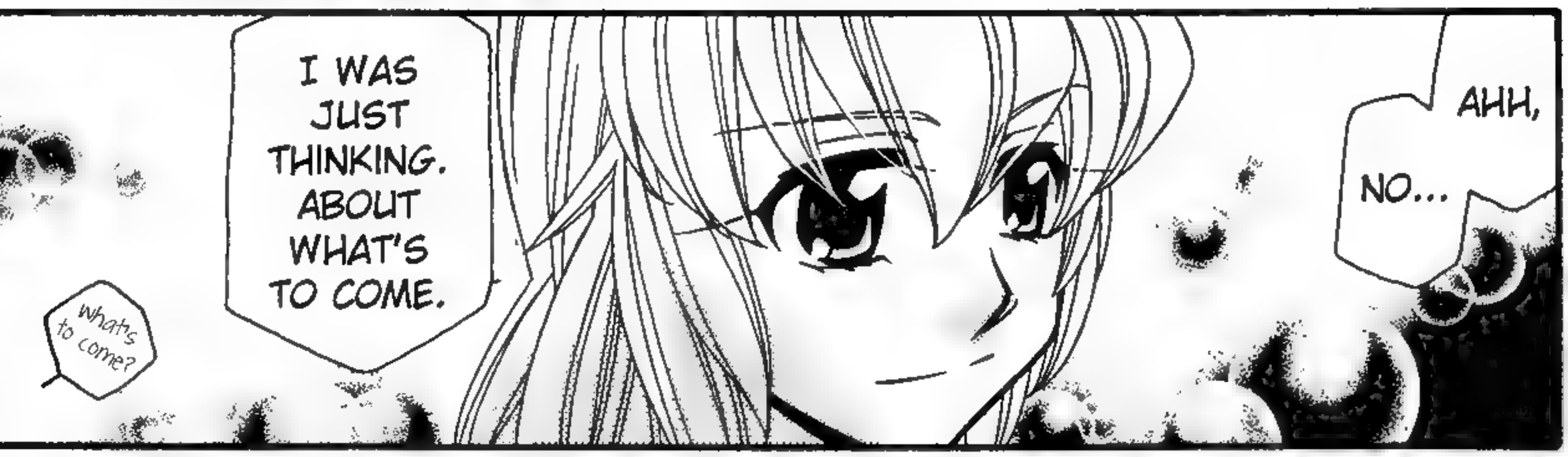
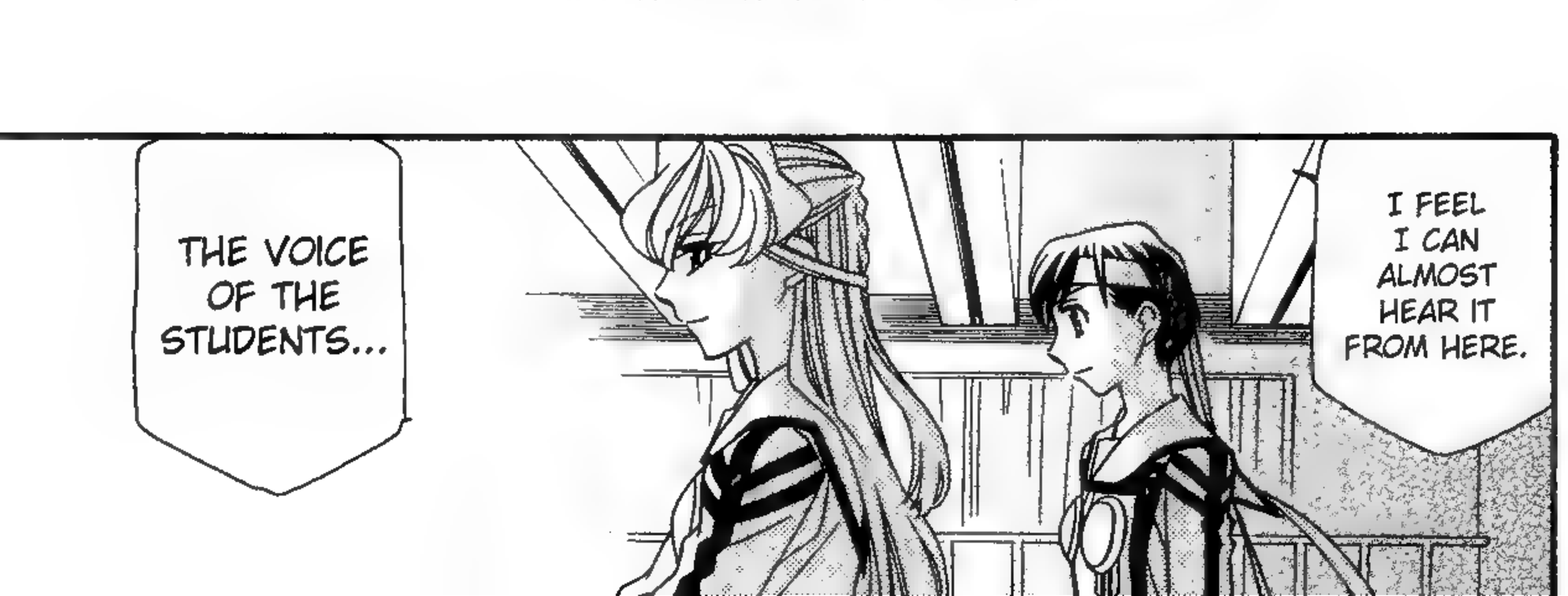


I GET THE FEELING THAT WHAT I'LL BE DOING NEXT
HAS ALREADY BEEN SETTLED.
WELL... IN ANY CASE...
I could totally never do it!
Yes, sir!
Do you understand it now? The burden of an Earth Sword?

HIDE-CHAN!
WHY ARE YOU LEAVING WITHOUT ME?
BECAUSE I'M MAD.
YOU MESSED WITH MY FIGHT, TSUBAKI.
I haven't even been able to change yet. It's really stressing me out.

In the time to come...



"WHO WILL BE NEXT TO BE MY OPPONENT?"

"WHO WILL BE THERE TO FIGHT BESIDE ME?"

FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE FOOT-SOLDIERS OF THE SWORD

WAITING FOR THIS NEW BELL TO CHIME, TO CALL THEM THROUGH THE DOOR TOWARD WHAT AWAITS THEM NEXT.

WE MUST HURRY TO ENSURE EVERYTHING IS PREPARED.

BAM

CUT THAT OUT, SERIOUSLY.

This isn't "THE END"! And stop going BAM

SO THEN, WE HOPE YOU'LL LOOK FORWARD TO THE AUTHOR'S NEXT WORK!

Speaking of "Next"

THE END

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THE
END
of THIS
VOLUME!!

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CROSS
BLADE×

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#EXTRA

To Love Is to Be a Huge Idiot

(CHIRP)

NOT SO BAD, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF.

...?

Hm mm!

HOH HOHH ...

...

(CHIRP)

Mm?

YEAH, MORE OR LESS.

I HAD THE WEAPONSMITH TRICK IT OUT FOR ME.

USED TO BELONG TO THE KARATE CLUB...

THAT'S A VERY IMPRES-SIVE CONTRAP-TION.

IT WAS DESIGNED SPECIALLY FOR CLOSE COMBAT?

Custom weapons demand custom training aids!

Kami-jou.

Of all people

It's THE MASOCHIST...

...no,

Good morning

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Gimme a freaking break here!! I came out here to get AWAY from people!!

SKETCH-ING!!?

(WEEEE

WELL, I'M SKETCHING. I ALWAYS COME AROUND HERE TO DRAW ON WEEKENDS.

WHAT AM I DOING...

(HEE-(HIRP-(HIRP

What the hell're you doing in a place like this!!?

Damn it...

TW-TW-TWEE

Oh, is that right!! Can I now!! Well, do pardon my lack of man-ners!!!

YOU CAN CONTINUE!

DON'T MIND ME, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

AH...

I'm only drawing today

Don't worry,

WHAT'RE YOU GETTIN' ALL COMFORT-ABLE FOR, PICASSO?

OY...

Hey hey now

Looking to go one-on-one again?

PLOP

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...

Don't tell Me... She's drawing ME?

Hold on, though...

Um, yeah, sure.

Huh!?

COULD I HAVE YOU TURN TO THE SIDE A BIT?

SORRY, TONAMI-SAN,

Mm?

AHHH...

Do I look like the type goin' around being a freaking MODEL for people?

You gotta be kidding Me.

Hah...

Hah...

I knew it...

Might as well show her the best I've got!!

If that's how it's gonna be,

Heh...

But,

well,

MM, VERY GOOD!

...

That's what they make ACTUAL X-rays for!!!

TRYING TO DRAW THE INTERIOR OF SOMETHING BY LOOKING AT IT FROM THE OUTSIDE...

RIGHT NOW I'M WORKING ON MY "X-RAY TECHNIQUE"...

YEP!

BONE

I GOT IN SOME NICE PRAC-TICE.

THANKS FOR THE HELP, TONAMI-SAN!

PRAC-TICE?

Hah...

That right...

WELL, THAT'S GREAT TO HEAR...

hah...

Hah...

hah...

Went too hard

IT'S HARD TO COME OUT...

Sighooo

have it nice...

Grade mates...

.....

But just OTHER bones, right!?

AND what, you were just drawing my HEAD this whole time!?

oh, no. I drew other things, too.

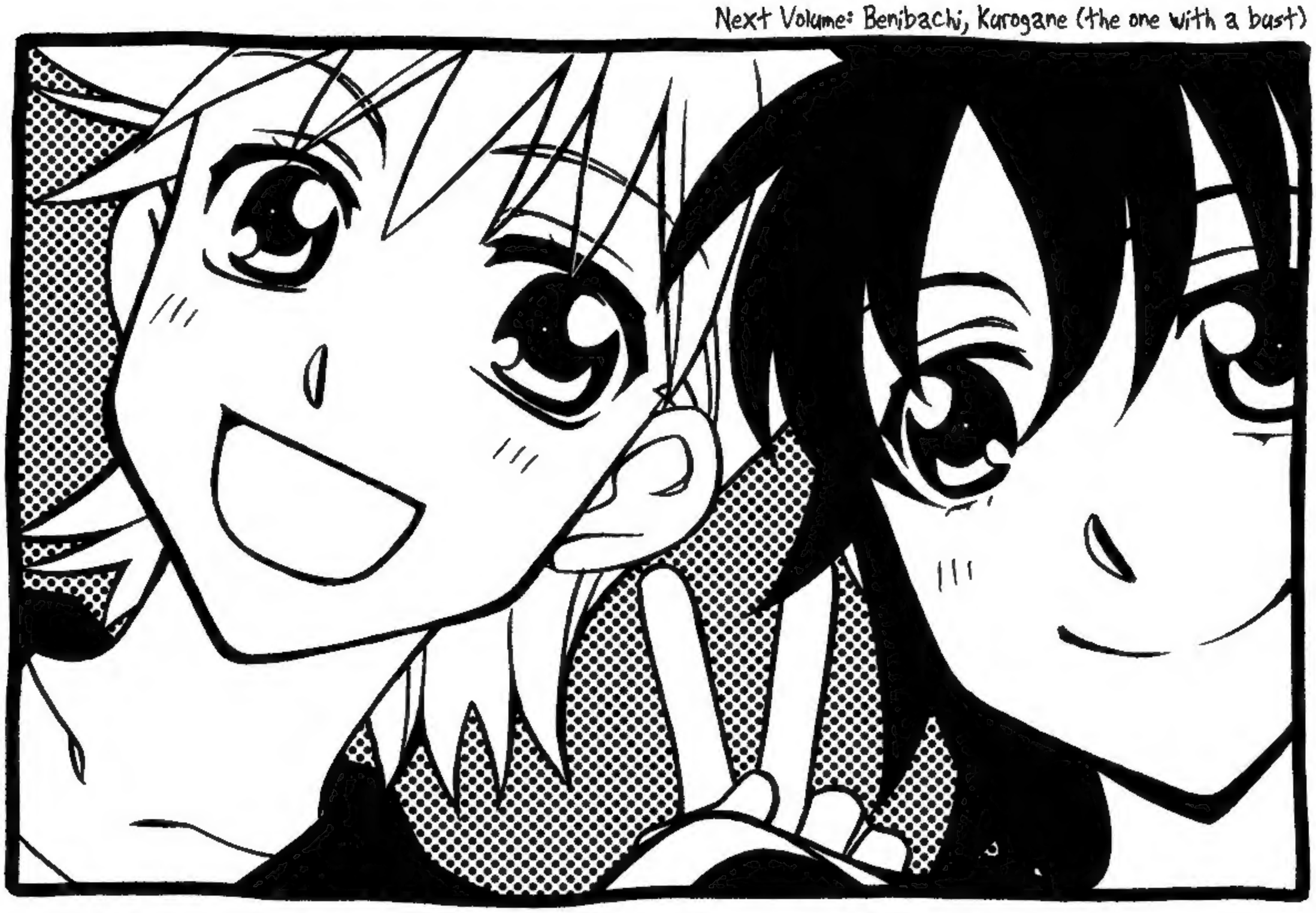
that supposed to make me happy!?!?

But Tonami-san, you have such splendid skeletal structure!!

GO use somebody ELSE for that kinda thing!!

Next Time: I messed up the landing, so I'm giving up thinking for now

Next Volume: Benibachi, Kurogane (the one with a bust)



AFTERWORD

Vol.... ume.... FIFTEEEEEEEEEN

At long last, yes, at long last, we've made it to the fifteenth volume...!! All those who have kept following without a glance left or right through all these years, you have my sincerest thanks, from the depths of my bare, naked heart!!

So then, for this fifteenth volume, we have a special-edition version with a wonderful, dreamlike roster of other senseis drawing Hayate and the rest! It feels like every day I'm taking in more happiness than my stature can support. I just don't know how to repay all the people around me. I guess there's no choice but to just grow a little. Though the elastic band in my underwear might already be stretched to its limit! But I want to stick with them regardless.

Well then! I hope to attack the next volume with renewed heart and spirit!

✿ Hayashiya Shizuru October 2011

✿ "What are we going to eat today?" "Air." OK!!

The below-freezing assistant:
✿ Makise Ren ✿ So Coooool!!

Trivia

Title
Reference to the television travel program **Next Stop Discovery** (Japanese title: **Burari Tochuugesha no Tabi**).

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Seigan is a basic sword stance with the tip of the sword aimed at one's opponent's eyes and one's weight leaned back.

The transformation pose is from the influential '70s hero series, **Kamen Rider.**

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